

## Governors Report 2021/22

After another busy school year and the school still facing the challenges of Covid I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Dove, Jackie Wright and all the Staff for all their hard work and commitment to ensure positive outcomes for our children.

We sadly have to say goodbye to our Year 4 and we wish them the very best of luck at Middle School.

We are also saying goodbye to three staff members who have been working at Heathwood for many years. Elaine Dicoco, Jackie Aspinwall and Elaine Randall. We wish them a very happy retirement.

I would like to thank the PTA for their continued support towards the school, financially and socially.

Finally, on behalf of the Governing Body, I wish you a happy and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Paula Bangs

Chair of Governors

### **Teaching & Learning**

#### **School Development Plan:**

Aspects of school activity and development are incorporated into the school Development Plan. The plan is a very detailed document prepared and updated by the Headteacher in discussion with appropriate staff. In addition to this, a number of targets, both short and long term are set by the Governing Body and these too are incorporated into the Development Plan.

The following targets were embedded in SDP Performance Management targets for all staff as appropriate.

- Review the wider curriculum.
- Actively promote all aspects of welfare and wellbeing for all.
- Continue to improve spelling and presentation.
- Maintain the improved outcomes in the Pre-school and the EYFS.
- To continue to maximise learning opportunities, providing challenge for more able pupils in a curriculum which inspires to learn.

### **Staff Training**

- SENDco Qualification
- Enigma Maths Training
- PSG Training
- Moderation Training
- Raising Attainment Training
- The Effectiveness of Leadership and Management:
- Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

Overall attendance this year is 96.16%. The expectation for attendance is 95%.

No leave of absence is granted unless there are exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Headteacher. This information continues to be shared with parents via the school newsletter.

Governors have noted pupil's attitude to all aspects of learning continues to be positive. The wall displays around the school encourage pupils to have pride and confidence in their work and what they have achieved. Children know their targets and challenges. The school environment continues to stimulate the children's interest to learn.

Governors have observed behaviour around the school continues to be excellent. Children are polite and well mannered.

## **Values**

Values continue to be at the forefront of life at Heathwood. Our children are continually praised by others on their manners and behaviour. We are a Rights Respecting school and this underpins everything that we do. All four Councils hold regular meetings and are very active.

The school has three clear rules:

Be Kind, Be Ready, Be Safe, This Is The Heathwood Way

## **Parental Feedback**

Governors asked parents at parents evening to give feedback on how they felt the school is performing. We had 61 responses to the Ofsted parent view platform. 100% of parents would recommend this school to another parent.

## **School Trips:**

- Caldecotte Residential-PSHE & Self Confidence
- Rushmere-Science/Geography
- Rookery Farm-Understanding the World
- The Bedford Museum-PSHE/Christmas
- Stoke Bruerne Museum-History
- Remembrance Service-Community
- The British Museum
- New Barn
- Cadbury World

## **School Run Enrichment Clubs:**

A range of activities are planned to enrich the curriculum, for example: Percussion, Let us get creative, Choir, Chess, Open Classrooms, Dance Club.

**Expenditure:**

- Dining Tables and Benches
- Lexia
- Tablets
- Accelerated Reader
- New Chairs for Class 2
- IT Support