

## Record of a governor's visit to the school - Informal

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### **Purpose of visit including departments or areas of school visited and staff that the governor met during the visit:**

- As one of the main priorities in the school is to raise standards in maths, it was agreed that the Governors would informal observe maths lessons throughout the school.

### **Observations and comments by the governor**

- Last term maths attainment in Y6 maths was 52%, this term it is 62%. The governor asked why this had increased so much.
- The maths co-ordinator explained that there have been several drives with a maths focus as well as interventions, which have proved very effective so far. They include:
  - Certificates in KS2 for times table skills.
  - Two early morning intervention groups for Y6
  - Learning walk for all staff which has led to new resources, including a range of differentiated number lines
  - Release for maths co-ordinator to ensure planning is effective and challenging
  - Release time for other teachers to observe maths co-ordinator
  - Children take ownership of their own maths targets
  - Parent workshop next month to enable parents to support their children
  - Two new ICT programmes used in school with intention to use as homework support
  - Laptops used in class to support maths learning
  - Y3/4 intervention group taken by HLTA
  - As well as setting in Y5/6, FC also takes the SEN group every day
  - LC has been to all district and co-ordinator meetings
  - 'Teaching for Mastery' document has been given out to all teachers to ensure the next steps for higher achievers
- FC said that 80% was the target this year for maths as a result of all of these interventions, which is a conservative estimate.

### **Reflections on lessons observed**

- Children appeared focused and on task in their lessons, which included teaching on doubling, halving, fractions, time and co-ordinates
- Success criteria were clear and targets were in the front of children's books
- Behaviour was very good and children with behaviour issues were involved and answering questions.

### **Any key issues arising for the governing body**

- Dates for finance and Curriculum & Standards meetings this year to be confirmed at full governors meeting next week.

**Signed:** Evie Ashley