

GOVERNORS' GAZETTE

(#Late #waitingforofstedreport)



SPRING 2018

Dear Families,

OFSTED

Congratulations **NICE GOING!**
GREAT! Way to go!
Yea! **FELICITATIONS**
CHEERS Take A **BEST**
BOW! **WISHES!**

We hope you are as pleased as the governors are with the OFSTED report. Our disappointment is only that, as a one day inspection, the report cannot include **ALL** the great things that happen at Moss Lane! Also that it took a long time for the report to be published. We are awaiting a response from OFSTED as to the reason for the delay which caused unnecessary rumour and anxiety!

Governors and Senior Staff knew the outcome and it has been hard to keep it confidential for so long! The report is almost word for word the feedback given on the day of the inspection! The inspector has to comment on the development of areas for improvement identified in the previous inspection (Feb 2014). The school had sorted these recommendations out a while back i.e. supporting SEND children to make better progress, which the inspector noted had been done very well. However, he also recognised that children at Moss Lane have achieved well at the higher levels in English, Maths and Science too. So now we know the school provides **a great education for all abilities!** His one piece of advice for the school was to build on this strength even more!

Congratulations to all the staff!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Governors are aware of the use of social media by families to share information, thoughts and ideas about Moss Lane life and it is a useful tool when you forget if it is or isn't mufti day! However, if any parent has a real concern about an aspect of provision it would be really helpful if it was brought to the attention of school staff or governors. School staff and governors cannot respond, provide another perspective or a solution if it is not brought to our attention through the proper channels. Mrs Abbott holds regular 1-1 sessions to discuss any concerns you may have and any letters for governors can be left in the office.

SWIMMING



As it is soon time to re-negotiate contracts, with Surrey Sports Park, Governors will soon be conducting their regular survey of Year One and Reception parental views on the provision of swimming lessons. Current Year Two parents had the opportunity to express their views in the previous survey which was overwhelmingly positive in favour of the lessons. Drowning is the third highest cause of accidental death in children in the UK (Royal Life Saving Society research) and as we have so many waterways locally it is a really important life skill for all children.

DANCE WORKSHOPS

Governors are looking forward to hearing all about the forthcoming dance workshops that the school has arranged for all classes. They sound very exciting and offer a great a new Physical Education and creative opportunity for your children.



What have governors done recently?



In addition to our regular responsibilities to monitor, challenge and support the school's work we have been working closely with other local schools to establish a more formal relationship through the formation of a Co-operative Trust. We will be sending out consultation papers to families about this soon.



Who Are We?

From Sept 2017

Parent Governors

Giles Bedloe (Safeguarding Lead)

Aaron Twaits (Finance Lead)

Adam Boshoff (Premises lead)

Co-opted

Andrew Turner (Progress and Standards Lead)

Carol Edmans (Community
/Communications lead)

Steve Turnbull (shadow Safeguarding)

Elaine Joyce (Chair & Leadership)

Local Authority

Dewi ab Iorwerth (vice Chair & Curriculum Lead)

Staff

Anna Sanders (H&S)

Headteacher

Victoria Abbott

Clerk to Governors

Pam Langridge

You can always contact governors by leaving a letter at the school office, via email to the clerk (Pam Langridge) clerk@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk or to the Chair of Governors (Elaine Joyce) joyceelaine@btinternet.com

If you want to know more about the role of the governors, or think you may like to become a governor in the future you can attend a governing body meeting as an observer. Please contact **Pam Langridge**, our clerk, if you wish to do this.