



Summer 2019

## GOVERNOR GAZETTE

Dear Moss Lane Families,

**Thank you & Well done:** As we end this academic year the Governing Board would like to publicly thank Victoria Abbott for leading our fabulous & hard working staff team so effectively through another exciting and positive year. We are grateful for their commitment to your children.

Children have made some very good progress in all the classes and it looks as if those moving on to Junior Schools are going forward very well equipped to have a successful future. We wish all Year Two pupils good wishes for their next steps!

The children have had some great opportunities, both in and out of the classrooms, to try out and experience a wide range of learning activities and events.

I would also like to echo the thanks made by Victoria to the PTA who have, through a wonderful variety of events, raised a considerable sum of money for the school to provide all sorts of additional things that our basic budget does not stretch to. Thank you to all families for being such a supportive community.

### What have we done this term?

**Finance & Premises:** This term we continued to monitor the school's main budget to make sure we are not overspending. We have also decided to commit the capital budget, allocated specifically for building projects, to create an additional learning space. This will provide a space for group teaching and also meetings with parents and other visiting professionals. At the moment the library or ICT room have to 'double up' for these to happen and can often limit the time these rooms are available for children to use. The time plan for this new resource is still not finalised.

**School Development:** We have also been evaluating the school development plans and working with senior staff in school to identify which areas to focus on in the next academic year so that we can support the school to be even better!

**Uniform:** We have recently reviewed the school uniform and have decided to add the option of black joggers for children in Reception class. In Bears' classes the children learn and play inside and outside for most of the day and we felt that this would offer a warmer and more comfortable option for the youngest children. They can still choose to wear the grey school shorts, trousers, skirts and tunics too if they wish! In addition we also hope to introduce the

option of a sweatshirt cardigan with the school logo for all year groups. We want our children to be comfortable as well as to look tidy and identify as part of our school community, especially at public events.

**Staff Survey** Our analysis of the staff survey showed that staff were very supportive of one another and enjoyed working with your children and with colleagues. Governors, with the senior staff, are looking at ways to reduce the paperwork teachers currently do so that they have more time to spend on preparing interesting learning opportunities for the children. In addition we are looking at the annual work diary to try to reduce 'pressure points' in the year for the staff!

Governors all continue to visit school regularly both to see & speak with the staff and children and to see the different aspects of school life during the working day.

### Contact us

If you wish to **contact a governor** about anything you can **leave a letter** in the school office or email the chair of governors: [e.joyce@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:e.joyce@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk) or vice chair [a.boshoff@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:a.boshoff@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk) or Pam Langridge, Clerk to the Governing Board, [clerk@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk) Please consider becoming a parent governor. When vacancies arise we are happy to talk to you and explain the role.

### Who we are

- *Elaine Joyce* Co-opted community Governor [Chair, Leads on school leadership]
- *Adam Boshoff* Parent Governor [Vice-chair, Leads on Premises, H&S]
- *Victoria Abbott* Headteacher, [Leads on school/governor liaison]
- *Andrew Turner* Co-opted community Governor [Leads on Children's Progress & Attainment]
- *Aaron Twaits* Parent Governor [Leads on Finance/Resources]
- *Carol Edmans* Foundation Governor [Leads on Community & Communication]
- *Steve Turnbull* Co-opted community Governor [Leads on Safeguarding]
- *Nicola Riley* Local Authority Governor [Leads on Curriculum & Enrichment]
- *James Bingham* Parent Governor [Leads on Curriculum & Enrichment]
- *Laura Edmonds* Staff Governor [Leads on Staff & Pupil Wellbeing]



**Elaine Joyce** (Chair of Governors)