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## Chair of Governors Update December 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to give you all an update from the Southway Junior School Governing Body. We have had another very successful term with many developments highlighted below:-

### Investment in School Fabric.

I am sure many of you will have seen the new lockers for each of the children. Added to this we have now agreed to the renewal of the Year 6 radiators, classroom decoration and new blinds. Add to this the finishing of the new reception area I feel the school has never looked so modern and fresh.

I am of the firm belief that if you get the environment the children learn in to the highest standard possible this will have a positive effect on their learning.

### Investment in Staff Development.

We have also increased investment in the staff professional development as well as adding newly qualified Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) all of which will assist the children's learning.

### External Visits by Local Authority & HMI

This term we were visited by the Local Authority and Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI). The reports that followed these separate inspections confirmed the excellent progress the school is making and were very positive. Where actions were identified these are already being undertaken.

### Ofsted Inspection

The school is due to be visited by Ofsted this academic year and your Governing Body is ensuring the school is fully prepared when this takes place. We welcome the opportunity to share with the inspectors just why we feel Southway is a **GOOD** school.

### Thanks to Staff

I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to the staff of the school. Their dedication and hard work is showing true reward and I am sure you will agree the children are thriving as a result. The effort and determination they give day in day out is a tribute to the desire to provide the best possible education to all the pupils.

We say farewell to Mrs Barnett and welcome Miss Showk to Year 3 next term.

### Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

On behalf of the Governing Body I wish staff, pupils, parents and carers a very relaxing Christmas and exciting New Year. Your Governing Body is committed to the school and its development. We are always open to new suggestions thoughts and feedback. Contact can be made via the office where any of us will be happy to speak with you.



Peter Izard  
Chair of Governors

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