



GOV'NEWS – SUMMER 2018

Once again, we find ourselves at the end of another exciting and eventful school year – starting with the confirmation of our Good status from OFSTED, and culminating in the final months of being a local authority maintained school, and converting to an academy and becoming part of a multi academy trust, the Chelmsford Learning Partnership (CLP).

Governing Body Membership – We have enjoyed a stable year, with no changes within the governing body. However, I am sad to report that **Liz Wright** has recently resigned her position as a co-opted governor. Liz served her initial 4-year term as a parent governor, and although her son moved up to senior school at the end of this term, Liz elected to stay on an additional year to help complete the transition to Academy and move into the CLP, and has fulfilled that obligation with distinction. We all express our thanks for Liz's commitment and hard work in supporting our school, and wish her all the best for the future, and all of this spare time she will now have!!

Chelmsford Learning Partnership – July 1st saw us move into Academy status, and there was a considerable amount of work carried out by the Head, Business Manager, governors and staff to achieve this. We will continue as a local governing body under this new structure, with some changes in direct responsibilities, and are in the process of bedding in the new governance process to commence in September.



Site Security – as you will be aware, our school is a very open site, which has its issues. Therefore, following a joint site risk assessment with the Infants, we are currently gathering quotes to improve security and access control to the site during the school day. More information will follow once we have confirmed contractors/start date.

Out of School Provision – as you may be aware, the Infant school have recently approved admissions criteria to the existing out of school provision commencing Sep 2019, which, based on available spaces, is likely to exclude Junior school children from accessing. We are therefore in discussion/preparing a business plan to consider the possible implementation of provision in the Junior School by Sept 2019. We will provide a progress update in the Autumn term.

SATS Results – we are delighted to be able to report a strong set of SATS results this year, with Reading, Writing & Maths combined figures showing an increase of nearly 3% from 2017, and maintaining over 13% above national standards. There has also been some notable successes under individual subjects including an 8.1% increase in those achieving the writing standard. Congratulations to the Year 6 children, and the staff for all the hard work put in to achieve these results.



Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight – once again, I had the privilege to support the school/staff in attending the trip along with fellow governor, Liz Wright. We had a change of hotel/location for the first time in over 10 years, but safe to say, we have children to be proud of – impeccably behaved, participating and enjoying all the wide variety of activities during the week, making it a fun, if somewhat tiring week for all.....I think most of the staff slept for most of the weekend on return!



Finally – Thanks to you, once again, for supporting our school and your children in another successful year of learning.

The best of luck to all our departing Year 6s as you move on to your chosen senior school. We wish you every success in the future and hope you will always have fond memories of your time at Barnes Farm Juniors.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking our staff - the Head, Deputy, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Lunch Time Staff, Office Staff and Caretaker - for their tireless hard work so that our children can "**aim high, and fly higher**".

And finally, on behalf of the governors and myself, I wish you a pleasant, restful and sunny summer break.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Andrews'.



Steve Andrews
Chair of Governors