



CLIFFORD ROAD GOVERNING BODY

Summer Term 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of another busy term especially with the added Ofsted visit, it is good to report that the school has made progress on the points identified from the initial inspection and this will continue at the same pace from September 2012.

The school now has a new reporting system for recording your childrens progress and this will enable us as governors to ensure that your child make good progress within the school and enables better planning to meet your childs' needs.

In September we will be promoting free school meal registrations as this brings in extra money for the school for every child entitled to free school meals. (Your child can still bring in a packed lunch, they do not have to have the meal) and more information will be sent out in September.

It was good to see that despite the added work of Ofsted visiting at the start of the week and the wonderful British weather, the planned Sports Days still took place and were enjoyed by all. The Year 6 leavers' production also continued and we hope those of you who attended, enjoyed the evening and the work put into this by your children and the Year 6 teaching staff.

We are very pleased with this year's end of year 6 results. 76% of children gained a level 4 in English and Maths combined. This is a 5% increase on last year. 96% of children were a level 4 or above in Maths, 80% in reading and 61% in writing. All areas show an improvement on last years attainment.

We will be looking at the homework questionnaires over the next weeks and will report our findings in September and then be able to feed this information into the homework policy to ensure homework is set at the correct pace.

As you will be aware we have some teaching staff leaving the school and we wish them well for the future. We are extremely pleased that the school has managed to ensure we have a full team of teaching staff from September to continue our progression with Ofsted thus ensuring progress with writing, while carrying on the good work in other areas.

Our communications committee have started working on ensuring the website is up to date and this has now improved but we will continue to monitor this and look into the possibility of adding homework information if possible.

We have yet to complete the process of filling our spare parent governor position, as having read the newer version of voting procedures, we acknowledge the voting papers should have been marked in some way to ensure they were not copied and also sent home to parents/carers to ensure the correct votes were given to each family. We have decided to revote from next term, those governors already elected will still stand and if any parent now feels they wish to stand they may wish to look at the below website and then contact me. More information about the role of Parent Governors can be found on the Suffolk County Council website at <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/education-and-careers/schools-and-support-in-education/school-governors>. A hard copy of this information is available from the office.

We hope you have found this summary useful. Should you have any questions about the work of the Governing Body or any observations that you wish to share, please do not hesitate to contact us at the following e-mail address (jade.accounting@tesco.net) or through the school.

All of the governing body would like to thank all parents who have passed on comments of support to the school and to the staff after the Ofsted inspection. It really made a difference knowing the parental support is behind the school.

Best wishes and have a very good Summer Break.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. A. Dyer".

Julie Dyer

Chair of Governors