



BLABY STOKES

Church of England Primary School

Governing Body Newsletter Summer Term 2015

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Governing Body. This has been a busy year for the school and we have seen many developments and improvements that will benefit Stokes' children.

This short report explains the role of the Governing Body and what we have done to support the staff team in delivering a great learning environment.

Who are the Governors?

The Governing Body is made of 13 people in different roles, supported by the Clerk:

Parent Governors (4)

Ruth Smith (chair)	Matthew Weir
Stephen Jones	Vacant

Local Authority Governor (1)

Zoe Warner (vice chair)

Foundation Governors (2)

Rev Grenville Gibbins	Edna Curtis
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Head Teacher & staff (2)

Deirdre Kallquist	James Cheesman
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Co-opted Governors (4)

Pam Smith	Olive Hillier
Louisa Coleman	Bev Philps

Clerk to the Governors (1)

Les Bates



The Governing Body is a group of people that are responsible for the overall management of the school. The Governing Body ensures the school is well run, so that teaching and learning can be at its best.

Governors are not experts in education and the Head Teacher is responsible for the quality of teaching and for managing the staff team.



How have the Governors contributed this year?

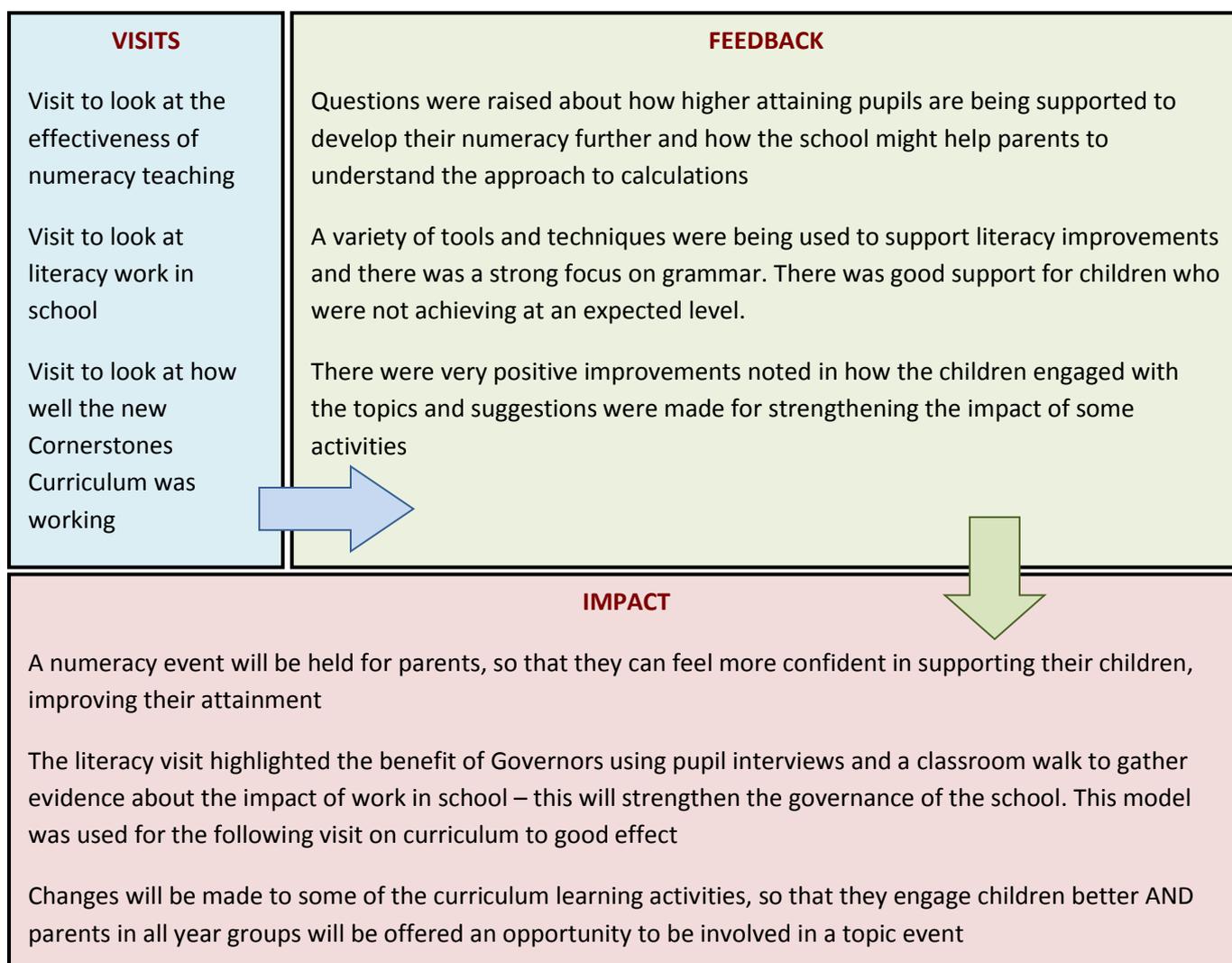
The whole Governing Body meets together at least once a term to review school progress. Each Governor is also on one or more **committees**, which also meet once a term, looking at essential aspects of school life.

The **Health and Safety Committee** has considered improvements to the school building, such as the tyre park and toilet refurbishments. The committee ensures that the school is safe – a recent examination was held of pathways to assess the need for improvements.

The **Curriculum Committee** oversaw the introduction of the new curriculum, received presentations from teachers about key changes and asked questions to ensure the school is well prepared. This included reviews of Read Write Inc and of provision for children with special educational needs. Pupil progress is a key focus and the school is challenged and supported to achieve high standards of attainment.

The **Finance and Staffing Committee** has supported the management of the school budget. Governors have been involved in recruiting new teachers during the year, sitting on interview panels and helping children to be involved in the selection process. The committee has also agreed certain pay arrangements, in line with the duties of the Governors.

Visiting the School is a key part of a Governor's role. Several visits have taken place, which help Governors to monitor the effectiveness of the school and see how policies are being put into practice to benefit children's learning. Governors do not assess the quality of teaching.



CONTACT AND COMMENTS

If you need to get in touch, you can email the Chair via admin@stokes.leics.sch.uk or leave a message with the school office. You can also check out the school website. We would be interested to have your views about what further the Governing Body could do to keep in touch with parents.

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor – if you are interested in becoming part of our team please speak to Mrs Kallquist.