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Governing Body Newsletter – Spring Term 2022

This has been an exciting, as well as challenging, time to be working in and around school. This academic year has seen us welcome more pupils than ever and expand up to 21 classes. Last term we moved back to single-age classes, and introduced our new behaviour policy, which was formally adopted last term following parent consultation. There is more on that below.

Our next newsletter is due in the summer term but in the meantime, as always, you can contact us on governorquestions@brampton.cambs.sch.uk. There is more information about our members and what we do on the school website. We also have an information board in the School Reception area.

Emma Spencer, Chair of Governors

Achievements

Behaviour Policy

The Governing board was proud to approve the new behaviour policy that was sent to all parents and carers for consultation last term. While there has been no change in what is expected of the children at school, the new approach to managing that behaviour is based on therapeutic principles.

The Cambridgeshire-wide initiative, called STEPS, aims to recognise that all behaviour is communication and to unpick what the behaviours are telling us. All staff have now received training on how to use positive language and reward children who demonstrate prosocial behaviour, as well as de-escalation scripts to calm and support children in crisis. To read more about the policy, <u>check it out on our</u> <u>website</u>.

Survey results

Who we are

The governing body is made up of people with varying skills, experience and connections to the school.

Parent Governors: Howard Bluck, Katie Brown & Mary Campling-Woolam.

Co-opted Governors:

Emma Spencer (Chair), Rachel Bell-Berry, Nic Evans, Reverend Duncan Goldthorpe & Ian Langworthy

Local Authority Governor: Peter Downes

Staff Governors: Peter Allen (Headteacher) & Sheryl Dachs

We currently have vacancies for 1 Parent governor and 1 Co-opted governor, so if you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining our team, please send us an email.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to respond to our survey last term. The results showed that the majority of children are happy at the school and, of those who replied, all felt safe, which is fantastic for us to know when planning future monitoring and oversight. If you have any feedback about any aspect of school life, please <u>email us</u>. To help inform Ofsted about what to look for in their next inspection, you can also use ParentView on <u>the Ofsted website</u>.

Vision and Values

At Brampton Village Primary every child matters and each individual is valued for the unique contribution he or she makes to our community.

Our aim is to create an environment which promotes children's self-esteem, to make our school a place where pupils feel happy, safe and able to enjoy learning. We strive to provide a learning climate in which children can flourish and achieve their very best; where they can celebrate their differences and develop the skills and confidence to build happy and successful futures. By working closely with parents and the community we aim to build strong and effective partnerships, which help children to thrive.

