

Hollybrook Infant School

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Hollybrook Governors newsletter

Spring Term 2019

Dear parent / carer,

This new year is in full swing and there is a lot happening at the Hollybrook schools. As a Governing Body we meet twice a term to discuss the work of the schools. We are aware some of you may not see all the work we do, and therefore, we wanted to update you following your recent Parent Survey and the Junior school's Ofsted inspection.

About us

At Hollybrook there is currently quite a small Governing Body, which support both the Infant and Junior schools, with a great mix of very experienced Governors and some that have recently started to support your schools. We are all volunteers who work directly with your Headteacher and leadership teams helping to ensure that the standard of your child's education is constantly improving by monitoring, reviewing and setting high standards.

We've produced posters with a bit more information about who we are which are now displayed on playground noticeboards and in school receptions: please look out for them. If you would like a copy but do not come into school, please ask at the office.

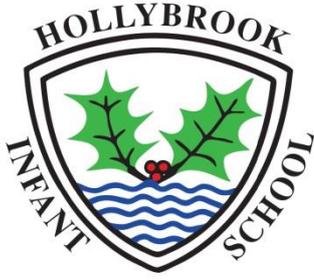
Parent survey

Following the parent survey in November 2018, we wanted to firstly thank you for your time to respond to this. It's a useful insight for us into how you feel about the school and your child's education.

We were delighted that your satisfaction was so high and particularly proud to see how highly you rated the schools at keeping your child safe, the teaching, progress and the balanced curriculum – as well as children enjoying going to school.

We noted some comments about how communications with you as parents and carers could be improved. We have discussed this with the leadership team and as per Headteacher Jane Wood's message in the November newsletter, work is being done to make the way you receive information more efficient and helpful. For example, 'Marvellous Me' has been well-received and work is continuing to ensure all parents are able to access this app, websites are being more regularly updated, and there is a review of weekly emails and other information to see if





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it can be more streamlined. Parent Forum will be re-introduced and the school is trying to sort out some dates. Governors will be present there too if you'd like to talk to us.

Ofsted Inspection – Junior School

We were also present during the Junior School Ofsted inspection earlier this month. We were proud to speak to the inspector about the school and hear his positive observations. The Governing Body would like to thank the staff teams for their hard work leading up to and during the inspection, and recognise that a considerable amount of preparation goes into getting ready for an inspection.

We are pleased that the inspector recognised that the teachers and other staff build strong relationships with pupils and parents, and that the children responded so positively to his questions about their education.

We note that the key area for improvement is in the area of reading. As a Governing Body we were already aware that the school had identified this area for improvement this year. We have reviewed the action plans which are already in place to address this and are confident that these improvements are taking place.

Lastly, if you want to find out more about what we are up to as well as a full list of our obligations visit <http://www.hollybrookjunior.co.uk/governors> or email us on governors@hi.jetrust.org

Kind regards,

Nigel Reichelt (Chair) and the rest of Hollybrook Schools Governing Body

