



GOVERNORVIEW



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 10 – MARCH/APRIL 2015

Who are the Governors?

Your views are extremely important to help us to run the school properly. Please see the parental feedback section below if you have any comments or concerns.

Parent Governors

Claire Sinfield

Lee Fensom

Steve Keal-Frayne

LA Governors

John Mander

Co-opted Governors

Angela Robinson
(Chair)

Mike Ellson

Stewart Wiles
(Vice Chair)

Staff Governors

Stephen McClymont
(Head)

Vacancy

Associate Members

Claire Griffiths

Jamie Stockham

Welcome to the March/April edition of the Henry Chichele Primary School Governor's Newsletter. Our intention is to keep you informed of important school matters. We would be happy to hear from you if you can think of further ways to improve the communication between the school and yourselves.

We have pleasure in sharing with you the report below from the data collected at the end of term 4.

Report on the pupil's progress in reading, writing and maths across the school

READING

The data indicates that reading continues to be a strength across the whole school.

We are very pleased with the data as it shows all classes have over 89% of the children making expected attainment (a 4% rise since December 2014, on average) and over 75% of the children have exceeded the expected attainment (a 2% rise since December 2014, on average).

WRITING

The writing data collected indicates that there has been an improvement in attainment and progress since December 2014.

The data this term is pleasing as 79% of the children across the school are at the expected level of attainment and 59% of the children are exceeding this.

The percentage of children, across the school, making expected progress, has improved since December 2014 too and presently sits at 85%. The percentage of children, across the school, exceeding the expected progress is 47% which is also an increase.

MATHS

Our maths data for March 2015 shows that attainment and progress continues to be extremely pleasing. Average attainment across the school sits above 80%, this must be attributed to good teaching over time; which will include planning work that provides a challenge for all abilities. Interventions and target setting is working; and this can also be attributed to effective planning, work done with additional support staff and teachers employed to target groups.

An excellent report and we should all be very proud, especially the pupils and staff members.

Upcoming Events!

Coin Challenge
1st May

Promote 5 R's
(MUFTI Day)
19th May

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DISCUSSIONS OVER COFFEE

Each month school Governors and members of Henry's Friends give up their own time to run the coffee mornings as a place for parents to meet to discuss a number of subjects involving the school and the surrounding community. Some parents use this opportunity to inform the school of issues or concerns they have and this has had a positive influence on the communication between the school and the parents.

There also seems to be a number of parents who feel that the coffee morning is unnecessary and at the wrong time of day/week. Therefore we are looking for ideas or suggestions that would offer the same environment for an informal chat where parents can discuss any concerns with the Governors or just give praise to the school.

We appreciate that full time working parents are unable to attend our coffee mornings and do offer several alternative ways to contact the Governors or members of staff should they need to. Please see Parental Feedback panel to the right.

Topics from the March/April coffee mornings include:

- School dinners - limited vegetarian options / special dietary needs: *Nourish is run by the county council and any concerns should be forwarded to Nourish via the www.northamptonshire.gov.uk website under Information for Parents. Unfortunately the school cannot help with individual cases regarding school meals.*
- Approachable staff but sometimes unwelcoming atmosphere from some classrooms: *Mr McClymont is aware and will try and make sure this is improved.*
- Congestion outside key stage 1: *It has been noticed that people waiting for key stage 1 children have started to cause congestion in the passageway between the designated waiting area and the reception classes. Please remember to congregate in the designated area as best you can. Thank you.*

Parental Feedback

We must emphasise that the Governors are very interested in the views of the parents. If parents have issues or concerns, they can only be acted upon if they are brought to the attention of the school or governing body. There are a number of ways to do this:

- **Speak first to the class teacher or the head teacher,**
- **Attend the parents coffee morning, held every month, with a governor present,**
- **Speak to a governor, whose names and photos can be seen on the school's website:**
www.henrychichele.northants.sch.uk
- **Feedback via email:**
gb@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk

Future dates for the coffee mornings starting at 9:00am

May 8th

June 12th

July 10th



HENRY'S FRIENDS UPDATE

Since the last GovernorView Henry's Friends have paid for the wall graphics in the KS1 open area.

Once again the film night for KS1 and sleepover for KS2 were a great success. Thank you to the parents and staff who helped at these events, special thanks to the staff members who stayed overnight at school. There are four events planned for the next two terms.

~ Coin challenge on Friday 1st May
~ Family Bingo Evening on Friday 3rd July

~ Sponsored Bounce on Friday 26th June
~ End of term disco on Thursday 16 July

If you are able to help at the coin challenge (from 1.15pm), sponsored bounce (times to be confirmed) or the School discos (KS1 5-6pm) or KS2 (6.15pm-7.30pm) please let either your child's class teacher or the School Office know. We rely on help from parents to ensure these events go ahead.

We are always interested in hearing from parents of any fundraising ideas, please contact a member of the committee or pass details onto the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support

Henry's Friends

Any governor related issues can be raised via email to gb@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk

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