



# Governors' Newsletter

## Spring Term 2015



Another term is nearly gone and Easter is fast approaching. A lot has been going on in both Bedenham and Holbrook schools - the new Head of School at Holbrook, Zoe Dudley, has settled in and is using her knowledge and experience to good effect, whilst Caroline Wood at Bedenham is developing her new role as Head of School there.

In the last Newsletter I told you about the new structure of the Governing Body for the Federation and mentioned that we now have co-opted governors, who can be from any background provided they have the skills that the governing body needs. This means that as a parent you can become a co-opted governor (rather than a Parent Governor representing the individual schools). We have a couple of vacancies on the Governing Body, so if you are interested in finding out more please let me have your details, via the office/reception staff or speak to one of the Parent governors, who are Isobel Wood for Holbrook and Clare Storey for Bedenham.

### *What have the governors been doing?*

- At the last Resources and Finance meeting, the Governing Body approved expenditure for work to be done at Holbrook – resurfacing of the playgrounds (Bedenham has recently had theirs done), new fencing, gates and doors to improve security, and some structural alterations inside school. Bedenham is obtaining quotes to have new playground markings. This work will hopefully be done in the summer holidays.
- The Health and Safety governor has carried out an audit of both schools and found some minor issues which are being addressed.
- The budgets of both schools are looking healthy and being managed well and the 2015/16 allocation has been received and is in line with expectations.

### *And in the future.....*

- From next year the floor targets for KS2 results will be that 85 % of children reach Level 4 in Reading, Writing and Maths combined or just under 40% achieve 3 levels of progress across KS2. This is a challenging target and there will be a lot of work required to ensure these levels are reached.**
- In Holbrook, there will also be an emphasis on KS1 achievement from September using procedures that were previously tried in Bedenham and produced some excellent results.**
- The new Curriculum has meant a lot of changes and the Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service have been working with Phase Leaders across the federation to provide a solid way forward. There is a focus in the new curriculum on grammar, and KS1 will sit grammar tests next year.**
- In addition, Bedenham is focussing on spelling, whilst Holbrook is continuing to work on improving writing.**

The Governors of the Bedenham and Holbrook Federation hope you have an enjoyable Easter and don't eat too much chocolate!!!



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