

Priory Junior School - Governor Newsletter



Chair of Governors, Matthew Stevens Mstevens@Priory.cambs.sch.uk

The governors returned for the first meeting on 18th September in a very positive mood, following the strong set of results and extremely encouraging OFSTED report that meant 2016-17 ended on a real high. The OFSTED report in particular gives us a really clear path to an "Outstanding" rating next time the inspectors come in 2-3 years time. We discussed the strategic plan for this year to ensure we keep the focus and there is a lead governor responsible for each strategic priority.

One of the key themes in the plan is to increase the school's engagement with parents. We'd like you to be more demanding of us and increase the level of dialogue with class teachers and other staff particularly if you feel, in any way, that your child isn't achieving absolutely the best they possibly can.

So welcome, or welcome back and let's work together to make 2018 a vintage year for Priory Juniors.

Strategic priorities and governor leads 2017-18

A. To build a culture of success and achievement - Fiona Brice (English) and Paul Hill (Maths)

B. To develop an aspirational and inspirational curriculum - Amanda Whittaker-Brown

C. Strengthening engagement between the school, parents and community - Sarah Gladwin

D. Developing and embedding sustainable, high quality and robust leadership throughout the school - TBC

E. Prioritise excellence in staffing - Matthew Stevens

F. Strengthening the partnership between Priory Park Infants and Little Paxton Primary School (PPP Partnership) - Fiona Brice

Could you join us and become a school governor?

If you have the time and the desire to make our school successful then you should seriously consider volunteering to be a governor. We know you will have questions so get in touch and we will arrange for you to speak to one of our existing governors to tell you more about the role and answer your specific questions honestly. Contact the school to register an interest or email Matthew at Mstevens@Priory.cambs.sch.uk

"We're looking for people with a range of skills and a desire to contribute. You don't need to be an expert to make a difference." - Matthew Stevens

Maybe you're not able to be a governor yourself but you know someone who would do a great job? Please tell them and ask them to contact us.



Governing body updates

- Matthew Stevens has been re-elected for another term as Chair of Governors.
- Paul Hill has been re-elected as Vice Chair of Governors; Chair of Resources committee and Chair of Head Teacher's Review committee.
- Amanda Whittaker-Brown is the new Chair of the Teaching and Learning committee.
- Richard Carding has resigned from the governing body. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his contribution.

Your feedback matters

As school governors we are committed to improving how we communicate and engage with parents and the wider community. We really want to hear your feedback, ideas and suggestions for ways we can improve so please talk to a governor at a school event - look out for our governor lanyards - or email Sarah Gladwin at SGladwin@Priory.cambs.sch.uk.

Next opportunity to meet a governor:

Coffee Morning, Wednesday 1st November