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Governing Body Newsletter

Welcome to the first Governing Body newsletter of 2016. Governors recently came into school to talk to staff about whether they feel supported to become “outstanding teachers”. This kind of work is important to our role, as it is crucial that we independently check what the Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team tell us in Governing Body meetings. All I can say is that we are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and eager staff team. Governors also met with some pupils to talk about aspiration and challenge – as we want pupils to reach their fullest potential. This is always an interesting part of the role of being a governor, and the feedback we received from the children was insightful. The notes from these meetings will help us in assessing our progress against our school plan, which is driving us to become an Outstanding School at our next OFSTED inspection.

School Website

You may recall that at a recent school event you may have been asked questions about the school website. The Governing Body has collated that feedback, and we have set up a working group in order to develop a new school website. We hope to have a new website up and running in the next few months, but we will keep you posted.

Parent Governor Vacancy

If you are a parent of a pupil currently at the school, and you have considered being a governor, this is your chance to get involved. We are a friendly but hard working governing body, with high expectations of the school and each other. We are looking for someone who is keen and able to get fully involved in the work of the governing body, as commitment is key to this important role. This includes being a "critical friend" to the school, both challenging and supporting Roebuck to be the best school it can be. You will be offered full training and support. This interesting and fulfilling role involves several evening meetings each term, as well as some day time visits during school time. **To apply, please ask for an application form from the office. The deadline is 9am on Friday 12th February, and we will announce the election after half term. In the event of more than one application being received, there will be a ballot.**

If you have any questions please feel free to email governors@roebuck.herts.sch.uk or leave your name and number at the office and I will call you.

The Governing Body of Roebuck Primary School and Nursery is committed to equality and valuing diversity within its membership.

e-Safety

Parents will be aware the school has arranged an e-safety talk this Wednesday 27th January at 3.30pm at school. I have already seen this talk at a Governor event last year and as a parent myself, I would recommend as many other parents as possible attend. It is certainly an eye-opener about the potential dangers of technology and social media, but also gives many positive tips on how to keep your children safe when they are online.

Regards,

Steve Marshman
Chair of Governors

