



GOVERNORS' NEWS

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SUCCEEDING TOGETHER!

On 23rd January the school sent out an Equality Questionnaire to all parents, staff and governors to collect the necessary information to ensure that the school is meeting all the new statutory Equality regulations. On 2nd February, Mrs Kilpatrick informed parents of the school's new policy on "Mobile Phones in School". This came about partly to respond to the constantly changing world of electronic communication and the challenges this poses for ensuring the safety of the children, but also in response to queries from both parents and the children themselves. After half term, a further questionnaire will be sent out to all parents, this time from the governors, to seek your views on the education and other opportunities being provided for your children by the school. There will be a brief one-page OFSTED style questionnaire, followed by two more open-ended questions when parents will have the opportunity to tell us (a) what aspects of the school you and your children are happy with, and (b) what aspects you are less impressed with, and why.

The school will use this information from parents to ensure that it **is not only** following best-practice and using data to put the most effective systems and policies in place, **but is also** responding to the needs of the school community by providing the most appropriate and tailor-made education and opportunities for the children at this school.

Governors wish parents, children and staff an enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to hearing your views in due course. **By working together**, we can ensure that Bernards Heath Junior School doesn't just retain its "Outstanding" status, but becomes even better still!

WANTED: Parent Governor!

One of our five parent governors reaches the end of her 4-year term of office shortly. As her daughter has now moved onto secondary school, she is not eligible to stand again. We are, therefore, looking to recruit a new parent governor to join the team. Information about the school governor role is available on:

- the HertsDirect website: www.hertsdirect.org/governors
- the school website, in the "About the school" section

This is a very exciting and interesting time to be involved in the world of education and, as a governor, you have the opportunity to play a pro-active part in the development of the school. Don't worry if you don't feel you have sufficient knowledge or expertise in education matters; Governance offers plenty of free training opportunities and access to information and new governors are not expected to know everything straight away! The main qualities required are: enthusiasm, commitment and a willingness to work as part of the team. Each of the 15 individuals on the Governing Body at Bernards Heath Junior School contributes by bringing their own experience and expertise.

A letter will be sent out after half term seeking nominations, and I am always happy to talk to individuals in greater detail about what the role entails, especially in terms of time and commitment. Just contact me via the school office, or direct by email at: mary.liming@talk21.com

We look forward to hearing from you!