

# The Governing Body

Brookland Junior School and Brookland Infant and Nursery School



*Creating opportunities, supporting aspiration, striving for excellence*

## Summer Newsletter

July 2013

As the summer term comes to a close, the governors would like to take this opportunity to share a few things with all parents and carers and wish you all a very pleasant summer break.

### **Awards/Special Recognition**

Both the Infant and Junior Schools continue to have high expectations of the children and encourage each child to achieve, both inside and outside of the classroom. The governors are very proud of the children's successes in extra-curricular activities including chess, maths, sports and music. We are thrilled to have such well-rounded pupils.

### **Performances/E-safety Policy**

Many governors had the privilege of attending Performance Assemblies, the Year 6 show and the Infant show that was specially tailored to honour Mrs Dickinson's retirement. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to put these performances on. Please may we remind you that in order to safeguard all the children at school we ask that you do not post any photos or videos on social networking sites. Violations of this policy may result in a blanket ban on any recording devices at school.

### **School Development Plans/Self-Evaluation Forms**

Both the Schools have produced these key documents, which have been reviewed and validated by the governors. These documents take an incredible amount of work from all the staff and are vital to the schools' review of their targets, achievements, and future plans, and are essential documents in preparation for any Ofsted Review. We thank all of the staff for their input.

### **School Improvements**

The Infant School will be rewired over the summer. The technicians will be working very hard to ensure that all is back up and running in September for the start of the new academic year.

### **Staffing Changes**

In the Junior School, Ms Blackmore and Ms Aylen will begin their Co-Headship in the autumn term with Mrs Bates and Mrs Christie assuming their interim positions of Deputy Head Teacher and Assistant Head Teacher. The governors are very grateful to have such an experienced team leading the Junior School.

As you know, Shirley Dickinson, the Infant Head teacher, is retiring at the end of this term. The governors wish her all the very best for the future. The staff and governors attended a wonderful leaving party for Mrs Dickinson, entertained by the choir who all sang beautifully. Brenda McCafferty will be joining the Infants as the new Head teacher in September and the governors ask that you all welcome and support her to ensure a smooth transition. We wish all teachers and staff leaving our schools or beginning their maternity leave the very best of luck.

### **Governor Changes**

This term we say goodbye and thank you to a number of governors including Rebecca Grint, Frank Kanter, Chris Johnstone and our former Chair Sara Gibbins. We thank them all of their dedication and services to the schools.