

## **Governors Messages to Parents, October 2017**

### **Finance Committee**

Capital money from the school budget has been spent on work to the school premises. This includes:

- the restructure of the school office, entrance and meeting room
- repairs to the external wall of the Thomas Slingsby Duncombe Learning Centre (TSDLC)
- the painting of the school mural on this external wall
- new toilets for the children in the infant playground

### **Premises Committee**

The school have received positive reports on the premises following several inspections recently conducted, including:

- Health & Safety inspection
- Playground safety inspection
- London Fire Brigade inspection
- Environmental Hygiene inspection

Wall repairs on the TSDLC and the mural have been successfully completed.

The new reception and office refurbishment is having final works completed over the half term. This should allow for a more efficient working environment and better security for the school.

This committee are also looking into the costs and options for developing a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) room in the school.

Work is being carried out on the guttering to address on-going issues with flooding in extreme wet weather.

The Finance and Premises committee are very grateful to the Local Authority for £90k towards the set up of the new two-year-old provision. We also received a grant of £20k to help with the secure restructuring of the office and school reception.

### **Curriculum Committee**

The school is setting up Accelerated Reader; an online programme that tracks the progress of children's reading. It makes it easier for Key Stage 2 children and parents to choose books which are the right reading level for the child and offers an online quiz for the child to take after reading each book, to check their understanding. All books in the school library have been levelled and children can now choose appropriately. More information for parents will follow later this term.

The curriculum committee have also approved slight amendments to the Assessment Policy to better assess each individual throughout the school year. This policy can be viewed on the school website.

Governors are aware of the improvement in Key Stage 2 results between 2016 and 2017 and understand what the school is doing to further improve upon them.

### **SEN & Pastoral Support Committee**

Governors oversee the work done by the school to improve attendance and punctuality of all pupils and the impact it is having.

New policies have been ratified to ensure safety in our new two-year-old provision.