



GOVERNORS' NEWS

2016 AND 2017 AT HUNTERS BAR INFANTS SCHOOL

A snapshot of exciting year

Good luck to everyone moving on

& welcome to new arrivals !

Our Goal: "that HBIS is recognised as one of the best schools in the country by consistently delivering outstanding levels of attainment and achievement .. and provide pupils and staff with the confidence, knowledge and experience to be successful."

July 2017, Issue 1 Keeping the Hunters Bar Infants Community in touch...

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CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL

2016 & 2017 weren't easy for UK infants' schools so I'm really pleased to tell you that things are going well at HBIS.

We've built strong staff and governor teams and invested carefully in training, in equipment and books, and in school maintenance (e.g. a new boiler, refurbished classrooms and more work this summer). We've also worked in partnership with other schools and with local nurseries, universities and specialist groups.

Attendance keeps rising (now 96.1 %). Thank you parents and carers for helping children to benefit as much as possible from their time here and enjoy the exciting learning, playing and enrichment going on every week. Thank you also for volunteering, helping with the HSA and offering ideas. Just this term, we've enjoyed a brilliant joint summer fair, exciting story sacks, a delicious Eid celebration and tempting bake sales. You help make this school a vibrant, confident and welcoming community.

Enjoy the summer ! Laura Fitzgerald, Chair of Governors

Communications Survey 2017 Results

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Visit the school community / governors section of the HBIS website for more about our Governing Body, how we work and how you could get involved.

Governing Body Arrivals & Farewells this year:

Welcome :

Rowan Hall (Parent)
Gill Pollard (Co-opted)
Anna Russell (Parent)
Jeff Wilkinson (Co-opted)

Massive thanks and goodbye to:

Paul Roberts (Parent & former Chair)
Tony Radcliffe (Parent)
Michael Barnes (Co-opted)

Challenges Addressed:

- Effectively managing elderly site & shrinking funds for long-term HBIS success
- Reviewing & developing governor skills, policies & systems
- Researching best strategy & partnership opportunities for success

Achievements to build on :

- Excellent progress across all subject areas
- Closer relationship with Hunters Bar Juniors for pupils, staff & governors
- Outstanding results in independent audits (Health & Safety, S.E.N.D)
- Sports, Eco & International awards

HBIS prides itself on developing talented and ambitious staff who can offer excellent support to all our pupils. This year, school data, class visits, pupils' books, behaviour and activities have shown us that all HBIS children's progress, has been excellent. Well done to all our staff and pupils !

This summer several members of staff and all of our Year 2 will be moving on. We're proud of them all and have loved having them in our team. Good luck to everyone and all the best for the year ahead !

The HBIS team are already hard at work planning for 2017/18. We look forward to welcoming some new colleagues, our new EYFS children and all our pupils.



Welcoming everyone to our can-do school - the exciting new front entrance display. Come and have a look !

2017 COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

Parents and carers are a vital part of our school community so thank you for taking our 2017 Survey about school communications. Here are the headline results – a more detailed report will soon be available at the school office or on the Governor section of the school website.



Survey

Over 1/3 joined in

Everyone feels satisfied that they are kept informed about what 's going on at school

Nearly 60% chose to answer online



Usefulness

Text and email updates are very useful

Over 90% welcome the school newsletter

Over 90% find letters in book bags useful

Around 45% find our new social media tools useful



Contact

Everyone feels that they are kept informed about what 's going on at school (95% at least moderately satisfied)

Over 88% find it easy to contact school via the office, while for around 70%, contacting a teacher at pick-up or drop-off is easy



Suggestions

1. Continue to use a mixture of methods

2. Offer children even more reminders about book bag system !

3. Keep website as up to date as possible



Approach

Everyone says they are kept informed about what 's going on at school (95% at least moderately satisfied)

HBIS parents and carers divide quite evenly over preferring electronic or more traditional options to keep informed

Contact with the school office and teacher-led workshops are still very important



Lessons for us:

Keep updating and improving our website

Keep offering both electronic and paper-based communications in support of direct contact

Make the book bag system as reliable as possible

Continue to develop school calendar updates

Continue to ask for your ideas !