

Oaklands Junior School

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Celebration of success

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, the whole Governing Team would like to sincerely thank all the children and their families for your continued support for our amazing school. Oaklands Junior School is all about teamwork and we are fortunate to have an incredible community spirit at the school that has grown through close collaboration between staff, children, parents and governors.

We want that collaboration to carry on growing and as a team we have always championed the infant and junior schools working closely together. It significantly benefits our children and families on multiple levels. From ensuring there is a through curriculum going from KS1 to KS2, having an outstanding wellbeing and SEND provision for the children during their primary school education, to raising standards and year on year progress and attainment. For our parent and carer community there are also numerous benefits including, streamlined communication and events, transition between schools, and continuity of staff.

We are delighted that Hazel West, Duncan Holland and Ellen Weston have decided to take on their new roles and we wish them every success. They are the right people to make this new chapter flourish. From September there will be a new Chair of Governors and single team of Governors that will oversee both schools, with a heavy heart I regret to say, I am stepping down in my role as Chair and as a Governor.

Governors have the task of overseeing finance, the strategic direction and holding senior leaders to account. Here are some of our highlights as a team,

- Supporting the school through a successful Ofsted inspection with an indication that we are on track for Outstanding
- Our team has grown from 6 to 15. This allowed the heavy workload to be shared after onboarding
- We have achieved very high Governor and staff retention
- We have experienced the best set of SATS results ever for the school
- We have clear strategic direction
- The detailed governance documentation we have created will provide a lasting framework for success
- Our relationship with the Head teacher, Senior Leadership Team and all staff has been strong and transparent



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- We have set up a Governors' Day each year when all Governors spend the whole day embedded in the school
- We established a suite of stakeholder surveys each year including pupil, staff, parent, SEND and in-year leavers – all data reviewed, analysed and acted upon to raise standards
- We have carried out 360° reviews of the chair and clerk at appraisal time
- We introduced link Governors for key subjects who meet their lead staff member each term and reported back
- We have attended all trust meetings and training
- We carry out data reviews at each Curriculum and Standards meeting
- Internal and external facilities inspections – with plan for improvements
- We have attended school events, school trips, external inspections and audits

I love Oaklands and I have been delighted and it's been a privilege and honour to champion our schools. I took over as Chair in March 2020 and 4 years has flown by. Nada Harding my Vice Chair took on this role with me and has been at the forefront throughout, her endless support has been invaluable. The role of Chair is a challenging one and my team have been absolutely outstanding. We have been a large group with plenty of expertise, knowledge and passion. Everyone has shared their view and everyone's view counts. I could not have done this role without them and their endless support, hard work and commitment. They have worked so hard, and I am so proud. My sincere thanks to them for everything they have done.

I also want to thank you, our wonderful parents and carers, we actively welcomed all your feedback and support. You and your children are what makes our school so outstanding with all your help, support, challenge and care. My sincere thanks.

We have an outstanding staffing team, who pour all their passion, care, commitment, and drive into Oaklands Junior School to provide the children with the very best experience, learning journey and environment possible. They have welcomed us in school, responded to our challenge, answered our questions, supported our roles and helped us learn all about the very essence of Oaklands Junior School. I am so thankful.

Wishing you and your family a lovely summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Charlotte Kieran
Chair of Governors