

## Eagle Community Primary School

### Governor Newsletter July 2016

To the pupils, parents and carers of Eagle School,

It has been another busy year for everyone involved with Eagle School, the Governing body have been working hard behind the scenes this year, here's a brief update of what we've been up to:

The Governors work together to provide an independent oversight of the management and operation of the school. The overarching aim is to improve the quality of education provided and raise standards. We work with the school to ensure that each child gets the best possible education.

We had a few changes to the Governing Body this year; the current constitution is as follows;

Chair of Governors	Bridget C Faulder
Vice Chair of Governors	James M Thomas
Head Teacher	Hayley J Adams
Senior Teacher	Claire A Johnstone
Co-Opted Governor	Karen A Atkinson
	Diane Chennells
	Sarah Meanwell
Parent Governor	Brian DeGruchy
	Sion O Roberts
Associate Member	Dawn A McCutcheon
	Steven E Nicholson

As of September, we require a new **Parent Governor**. If you would be interested, please look out for the information which will be sent home in the new school year. We would very much like to welcome you to our team.

To ensure that the challenges set out in our School Development Plan and our Ofsted priorities are being met, we have increased our school monitoring visits. These include:

- Marking, feedback and time for pupil teacher dialogue;
- The new Classroom Monitor™ attainment and curriculum coverage tracking system pushing forward teaching, learning and assessment;
- Data in respect of attainment and achievement analysed to ensure that each pupil is being given the best teaching for their ability;
- Behaviour and welfare throughout the school is important to us and we have monitored the introduction of the Class Dojo™ system.
- Health and Safety monitoring has been carried out throughout the year.

School budgets have been a challenge again this year as the new “Agresso” financial system that you may have heard about in the media, that should have been implemented last year, is still not up and running correctly. We have been assured this will soon be fully functioning and hopefully by September we will be able to see our accurate financial data again. As with many other schools we are looking to seek compensation for the additional workload, delays and errors the system has caused. Through careful planning we have kept within our budget, and ensured that our finances have been spent in line with our forecasts. This year we have invested in new technology, a Server and Laptops, and spent our “Pupil Premium” budget accordingly.

We are delighted to be able to continue with our four class structure again this year. Therefore, we will operate a Reception class, a Year One/Two, Year Three/Four and a Year Five/Six class as we have this year. This enables small class sizes across the school upholding our commitment to a personal and individualised teaching programme for our children.

The success’ this year have been numerous at Eagle School, from football tournaments to swim galas and a collaborative Dance Festival. We always have a range of events to inspire our pupils and give them the opportunity to show off their skills and meet new friends from our NEST of schools.

There are many people working behind the scenes to ensure the school is successful, FOES are an important contributor to the school with all the fundraising events which are fantastically supported by friends, parents and grandparents. We really can’t thank them enough for their continued support.

A huge thank you to Mrs Adams and her team, they all contribute to make Eagle school a successful place of learning and achievement.

After a much publicised and much more demanding curriculum, our Year 6 students have really had a lot to take on board this year, the SATs tests in May were new to students and teachers alike and were much greater in depth than previous years. Well done to all the Year 6 students.

We would like to say a heartfelt goodbye and good luck to all our Year 6 students and leaving families. We wish them well in their new schools as they continue in the next chapter of their learning. Together with the staff and their fellow students we will miss them all, and hope that they will keep in touch and let us know how they are getting on.

We hope that the sun shines over the next few weeks, that you all have a restful and relaxing summer and recharge your batteries ready for the new academic year fully prepared to face the exciting and challenging next academic year.

With best wishes

Eagle Governors

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