



Thringstone Primary School

Believe and Achieve Together

June 24

Dear Families

As this final term comes to an end, the Governors at Thringstone Primary School would like to thank Mr Chapple, Mrs Hammersley and all of our staff for their commitment to the pupils of our school. We continue to be really impressed by the opportunities that they offer the children and their passion for the school and its community.

The recent Summer Fair was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of the school year and we are extremely grateful to the PTA team for the tremendous hard work that they put in to the event and for bringing our whole community together.

Our Governing Body consists of a group of volunteers from staff, parents and the local community. We come from a variety of backgrounds; some from education and teaching, while others bring skills from finance, human resources, IT and law. This academic year the Governing Body is saying farewell to Laura Chapman who has been a Governor with us for the last four years and has expertly chaired the finance committee for the last three. So on behalf of the whole school community, I would like to record our thanks to Laura and to wish her all the best for the future. We are actively seeking new governors to join our team, if you would like more information please do get in touch.

We are also delighted to welcome two new trustees; Ruth King and Kyran Moore. Some of you will have met them already at the school events. Full details of all the members of the governing body and our roles can be found on the school's website. As Governors, we work hard with the School Leaders to ensure the education at Thringstone is of the highest standard possible. One of our roles is to hold the headteacher and senior leaders to account for the performance of the school in all areas. We carry out this role through: attending full governing body and committee meetings; carrying out monitoring visits; meeting with staff, pupils and parents. As governors, we take our responsibilities very seriously and accept the commitments required from us to carry out our duties properly. We have adopted a Code of Conduct and a Terms of Reference which set out the purpose and expectations of the Governing Body. You will find these in the Governors section of the school's website.

Throughout the year, the Governing Body has discussed many issues and made decisions effecting many aspects of school life. Amongst those issues discussed and decisions made were: Teaching and Learning This year the governors have been particularly impressed by the quality of teaching at Thringstone. Through our meetings and monitoring visits we have seen lessons in action, met with the class teachers and the senior leaders, looked and planning and reviewed progress and attainment data. Our Subject Leaders have developed an impressive and inspiring curriculum that thoroughly and comprehensively connects all the subjects and year groups together meaning that children are being taught lessons that are both academically rigorous and highly engaging. The passion, expertise and dedication that the teachers display has been wonderful to observe.

At Thringstone we believe in investing in our staff and supporting them to become experts in their profession. This year a number of our teachers have been taking part in professional development and as well as teaching the children at Thringstone, they have been completing courses that further qualify them as experienced teachers. Having motivated, engaged teachers who are excited by their work means that our children are taught by people who are up-to-date in the best practice and are passionate about education.

We would like to thank the PTA team for all their fantastic efforts this year and for the huge amount of work that they have put in to the school events and the fundraising efforts. As well as raising crucial funds for our school, the PTA do an incredible job of bringing together of our school community, all through goodwill and generosity of parents and carers. We recognise the commitment and work that they are putting into this and are incredibly grateful for the time and effort that these volunteers give to our school. Thank you all so much.

It's time to say a fond farewell to all our Year 6 pupils. As sad as it is that you are leaving us, we take great pride and comfort in the knowledge that you are all ready for the next stage of your education and we have no doubt that you will all go on to achieve many great things. We would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to all our families who will be leaving us for the last time next week. Thank you for all your support that you have given to the school during your time with us, you have all played a part in making Thringstone the truly amazing school that it is.

And thank you to all for another great year!
Wishing you all safe and happy summer break

Sarah Baxter
Chair of Governors
On Behalf of the Governing Body