

Kingsthorpe Village Primary School

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Dear All

As another busy school year comes to an end, I'd like to have a glance back and to share an update on the work the Governing Board has been doing in collaboration with the school.

As you know, in January we were inspected by Ofsted using the new inspection framework and were pleased that the inspectors judged that the school fulfils their expectations in all areas.

The inspection report noted many positive aspects of our school. For all of us involved with the school it is reassuring to read comments like:

- *Pupils enjoy attending this happy, vibrant school.*
- *All staff have high expectations of pupils to behave well. Pupils live up to these expectations.*
- *Leaders have established an ambitious and well organised curriculum.*
- *Staff routinely check how well children learn.*
- *The school has established rigorous systems to identify the needs of all pupils.*
- *Leaders are aware of the importance of sharing information with parents and carers about their children's learning. They do this effectively so that parents know how to support their children's learning at home.*
- *Governors understand the importance of their role. They say that they feel part of the school.*

As Governors, we appreciate the commitment of the Head and all staff who work tirelessly to make our school one that we can feel proud of. We also appreciate the support of you as parents, carers and families. A successful school depends on effective relationships inside and outside the school.

Our Ofsted report does not lead us to feel complacent but spurs us on to continuously improve the school.

Every year Mr. Gwynne prepares a School Improvement Plan which is agreed with the Governing Body and at our regular meetings each term we review how it is being achieved.

Every year in July Governors have a Strategic meeting when we review the past year (What went well? What could we do better?) and agree the Plan for the next year.

Governors attend regular Board and Committee meetings to review all aspects of school life, including children's achievements, attendance, behaviour, financial management, school policies, curriculum plans, school activities and links with the community.

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This year it has been good to develop close links with the reopened Kingsthorpe Library. National Year of Reading 2026 is a UK-wide campaign to tackle the decline in reading for pleasure. We all have to read on screens and we want to encourage children to get the habit of reading books for pleasure too.

As Governors, we don't just spend time in meetings we also come into school regularly to ensure that we know the school at first hand. As the Ofsted Inspectors noted, we feel part of the school.

Regular visits in Governor Fortnights ensure we spend time talking to children and staff about what they are doing. Governors also attend events such as parents' evenings, art exhibitions, performances, sports days etc.

This year we are pleased to have recruited three new Community Governors all of whom live close to the school and who bring a range of experience and skills to the Governing Board. Having now spent time in the school, they are impressed by how children talk enthusiastically about their learning and are proud to show their school work.

This week I was privileged to present the annual Good Egg Awards. Being a 'Good Egg' is rather an old-fashioned phrase but it captures one of the important drivers of our school. We are concerned not only with academic achievements but also with the broader personal development of our children, their personal values reflected in the school values, and their ability to develop healthy relationships. The wellbeing of all children is a key driver of the school.

We look back on a successful year and, like all years, a year that has had its challenges. As Chair of Governors I want to record my thanks to Mr Gwynne, Mrs Tillman and all our staff for their work and commitment to our school. We are fortunate to have a dedicated staff team who care deeply about the school.

I also want to record my thanks to you as parents and carers for your support and partnership with the school.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Summer. We look forward to welcoming your children back in September, ready for the adventures of a new school year.

If you would like to get in touch with the Governors, you're very welcome to do so via the school office.

Richard Dimpleby
Chair of the Governing Board



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Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
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