



## Governor's Summer Newsletter

We have made it to the end of another year of schooling. Well done everyone! It has been great for Governors to be in school, to be able to see the children develop and flourish and it continues to be a real privilege for us to be part of the outstanding community at The Gattons.

As well as our successful visit from Ofsted we also had a visit from OPAL this term. They have awarded us their platinum award, their highest award. Our outdoor space is something to be hugely proud of and is a huge asset to our school. All the children absolutely love it. A huge thank you to everyone involved in getting our outdoor play to where it is now.

### Chair's update - How do governors monitor the school?

- A key role for governors is to monitor what the school is doing to see how the school is progressing against the School Improvement Plan. We do this in several ways, such as:
- Visiting the school to talk to staff and pupils about the curriculum and other key areas, observe lessons and look at the school environment.
- Looking at school data, such as phonics and key stage 1 results.
- Speaking with senior leaders and the school's Link Adviser.
- Listening to views from parents and carers via surveys and at events.



Lucas Cook  
Chair of Governors

From September there is going to be a space on our board for a parent governor. There will be more details next year on how this election process works but if you think it is something you would be interested in, I would love to answer any questions you have about being a governor and what it involves. It's a great way to support the school so please contact me on [chair@thegattons.co.uk](mailto:chair@thegattons.co.uk)

### What have we been involved in this term?

- All Governors have monitored their curriculum areas this term talking to subject leaders as well as the children - we have been really impressed with the knowledge and vocabulary they have retained during the year.
- We have been involved in our Ofsted inspection and OPAL assessment.
- We have enjoyed coming to Sports Day, watching the leavers' performance and helping at the Summer Fayre!

## **Governor changes**

**Goodbye!** After 8 years, Emma Sainsbury is stepping down as a governor. She has been a hugely valuable member of the governing board and we are sad to see her leave. Thank you Emma for all your hard work.

## **Thank you!**

Finally, we wanted to take the opportunity to send a big thank you to:

- our senior leaders, Sarah and Ellie, for your excellent leadership over the past year,
- our staff for working so hard to support the children and each other,
- Friends of The Gattions School (FOGS) for another excellent year of fundraising,
- parents and carers for your support during the year,
- and the children for being so enthusiastic and hard working all year!

We would like to wish our Year 2 children every success as they start their new learning adventure at Southway. We are also excited to welcome our new Reception children and look forward to meeting all the new members of our school community.

All that remains is for us to wish you a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

From all the Governors at The Gattions