

# Stanbridge Lower School



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## **A Report from John Symonds (Chair of Governors) - "What have been our Successes?"**

As governors we have a duty of care to all the children who attend Stanbridge. It is important to remember our governors are volunteers and give up their time offering both experience and advice to the school. It is my pleasure as Chair of Governors to thank them all for their hard work and also to thank you as parents for your support. So with some pride I now submit our Governors Report detailing progress across 2014.

### **Curriculum**

- **New Curriculum:** Governors have overseen the introduction of the New Primary Curriculum that will be introduced into schools from September 2014. Children will be working towards their expectations for each year group. Standards in reading, writing and maths have been raised and staff are fully prepared to teach to this standard from September.
- **Ofsted Report:** Governors have been working with Miss Godwin and other senior staff in school to work on areas of development identified in our OFSTED Report which was published last year. Governors have been involved in observing lessons with senior staff and overseeing developments in these areas.
- **Pre-school:** Governors have been fully involved in decisions related to extending Pre-school hours so parents can access their funded hours flexibly over the course of the day.
- **Playground:** New playground markings have been added to the front playground for the children to enjoy and learn from.
- **PE:** New wall bars have been added to the school hall, sports coaches have been used across the year to impact on the children's learning and the children have been involved in more competitive sports. Please see our website. Further information can be found in the section titled Sports Premium.
- **ICT:** The children and staff have been provided with new cameras to use across the curriculum. Plans are in place to continue to update our ICT resources in line with new technologies.

### **Premises**

- **New Windows:** Governors have negotiated with the Local Authority to secure new windows for our school. The building now looks much smarter.
- **Security:** A new magnetic lock system has been installed to ensure the children are safe and secure in the building at all times
- **Accessibility:** A new door has been added to the current Year 2 classroom with a ramp to ensure our premises are meeting the current requirements.



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## Staffing

- Literacy and Numeracy Groups: We continue to set a budget which ensures children are taught in smaller than average groups for literacy and numeracy and that these groups are supported by teaching assistants. This ensures children make good progress.
- Interventions for Children: We continue to recognise children need extra support in their learning whether it is to extend and challenge, or support those who need extra help. Interventions and staffing continue to be offered at Stanbridge and funding is prioritised to this. A qualified teacher is employed for two days each week to work with small groups and individuals who need further support in their learning.

## School Publicity

- Website: A new website has been developed which contains lots of informative information for parents, children and families about our school. A calendar has been added so that parents can have instant access to diary dates across the school year. Newsletters are listed on the website too. A blog is maintained with so that everyone can see what has been happening in school each week.

## School Meals

- Governors secured a new school meals provider. In September all our school meals will be cooked by Principals Catering. The school meals are cooked to a high standard using good quality, locally sourced ingredients. We are all looking forward to sampling school dinners.

## What are we currently working on?

- Code of Practice for Special Educational Needs Children: This will be introduced across 2014 and governors will oversee its implementation.
- New Medical Procedures: Policies will be updated in line with the new expectations.
- Governor Standards: Ensures we are working as a group to a high standard constantly reviewing our practice and raising our performance as governors.

John Symonds  
Chair of Governors  
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