**Summer term 2019**

A quick update from the school Governors team on all the things we have been looking at since Christmas and a few things coming up.

We have got a few new governors and have undertaken a range of training to make sure we can best support the school. From the training I have done it is great to see how it also helps in my day job as well so feels like time doubly well spent.

**Presentation of work**

We have cut the number of governor meetings this year to allow time to see evidence of how the school is improving in between meetings and through our governor visits. One focus for these has been about presentation of work which is a key area for children this year. The impact is really easy to see across the school. I hope you all can see the difference and please encourage more of it when you are helping with homework and attending school events including termly learning conferences (TLCs) and Parents in School Afternoons (PISA) . Our visits have also shown us the huge range of subjects for children, with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) events being a huge success. I am sure many of you will be visiting the [STEM in the Park](http://www.crawleystemfest.co.uk/calendar-of-events/stem-in-the-park) event in Crawley tomorrow afternoon (Saturday 18 May).

**SATS**

I visited the school today to look at the processes around SATS to ensure the tests are being undertaken in line with Government guidance. A huge well done to all the classes for the way they are approaching SATS, they are showing great resilience. As always a massive thanks for all the hard work that teachers put in and the added pressure this period creates. I am always amazed at the high level of ability and enthusiasm displayed by all staff when I visit the school. A shout out also to Emma Carr our lollipop lady who has decorated her crossing area with posters of support for children taking SATs which shows the caring nature of the whole school community.

**Playtime and Ground Force day**

Speaking of the school community if you could spare a few hours tomorrow morning (Saturday 18 May) helping move bark on the Lower site in preparation for the brand new play area, it would be greatly appreciated. Mark Lester our Premises Manager does an amazing job keeping the school to a good standard and has calculated the huge savings that this work will save the school, meaning even more money can be spent on the play equipment and other activities for the kids. Any time you can provide tomorrow would be great.

**Looking ahead**

The Governors will be revisiting the 3 year plan for the school and our strategic priorities now that the big building project on the Upper site is complete. The current plan is around the physical condition of the school, engaging the school community, good progress for pupils and good teaching, happy, resilient learners and implementing new school structures to support learning. What would you change about those?

If you are interested in finding out more about the Governors and what we do please feel free to stop us on the school run, if we are standing on the school gates or send us an email via clerk@threebridgesprimaryschool.co.uk.

Best wishes

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