

Governor's Newsletter

End of Year Summary

July 2021

Our year in numbers



1 Pre-school

Formally became part of Hemingford School

15 Governors



We will recruit for a new parent governor in September.

Through 20-21 Academic Year, the Governing Body has lost 4 governors and gained 6 governors. The newly recruited Governors bring valuable skills and experience which should strengthen our Governing Body.

12 Visits

Remote monitoring visits have taken place, few in school during the summer term where this can be done safely under the school's Covid Risk assessment. Governors have undertaken particular monitoring for example;

1. Safeguarding, monitoring the SCR and safer recruitment
2. Remote Learning,
3. Early Years provision,
4. Reading

8 Governor Training Sessions

One aspect of a governor role is to keep building our knowledge. Governors record all training they do so we can ensure we have a varied and balanced training attendance such as;

- Safeguarding
- Updates on E-safety and British Values and Prevent Duty
- Safer recruitment
- LA Briefings
- Governor conference

2 Core Committees

There are a number of regular meetings such as the Full Governor Board meetings, budgetary reviews etc. In addition, we have two committees:

1. Resources Committee, which mainly deals with HR, Finance, Health and safety, premises.
2. Curriculum Committee, which mainly deals with the curriculum, assessment and data, SEND and Pupil Premium expenditure and impact.

17 Virtual meetings



Budget Summary for next year 2021/2022

The school has budgeted to spend **£1,637,694** in the next financial year. A healthy carry forward from the previous year has enabled us to make exciting plans to develop the outdoor area and ensure the school's key priorities for next year, such as reading are well resourced.



I joined the governing body in 2020, and have been looking forward to the time I could go into the school to see ‘how it works’. Restrictions were slightly lifted this term, and as long as I did lateral flow tests, and followed the schools strict Covid Safety Rules, I was in! Governors have a responsibility to be aware of progress being made by the school against the annual strategic plan, as well as a range of statutory responsibilities we have to check.

Prior to our monitoring visit, we carefully plan and share the focus we will be taking, the staff we will be meeting face to face, and agree the questions we will be asking of them. This enables the member of staff to prepare their answers and ‘evidence’, and keeps the meeting very focussed and succinct. Sometimes we will spend some time watching the children learning, and talking to them. By the end of our visit, we will have agreed follow up actions and questions, which helps our understanding of how to move the school forward. We then complete our monitoring document summarising what we looked at, what we saw, and the suggested outcomes, and this is shared initially with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors, and then the rest of the governing Body.

Recently, I have been monitoring Remote Learning, Early Years, Induction for Governors and staff, Phonics and Literacy in KS1 and 2. I have been really impressed by the enthusiasm for providing the very best learning opportunities for your children, the standard of teaching and learning, and the absolute drive by leadership to continually improve the offer to your children. They are in very safe hands!

Diane Moore, Governor

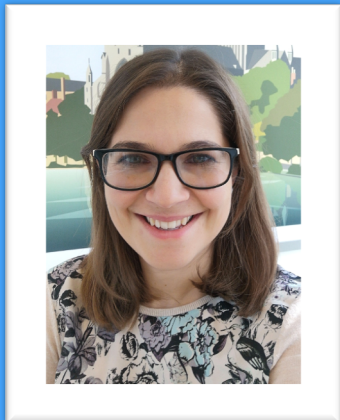
Hello and Goodbyes

We would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to Rachel Brown and Helen Hollebon who will sadly be leaving us as governors at the end of this term. Their support is greatly appreciated. We wish you well.

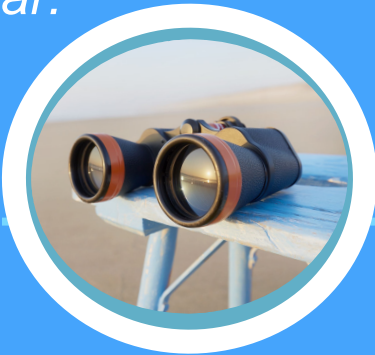
Just as we say goodbye to some of our governor family this is also a chance to welcome new members over this last term: Darren Walsh, Kristi Johnson and Hannah Gill. It is great to have them all on board as we hope they will enjoy their time as governors.

We asked Hannah, as a new governor, what she has been enjoying so far in her role.

“I recently moved back to Cambridgeshire, where I grew up, and wanted to be able to do something that helped shaped and improve the community. School is something that shapes all our children so I knew I wanted to see how I could help. I was a little nervous to begin with but all the governors have been so welcoming and it is great to learn from them. I’ve loved seeing how much dedication and hard work goes on to make a school run and really enjoyed the tour of the school with Kirsten, understanding how everything works. I’m looking forward to getting stuck in next year.”



Hannah Gill



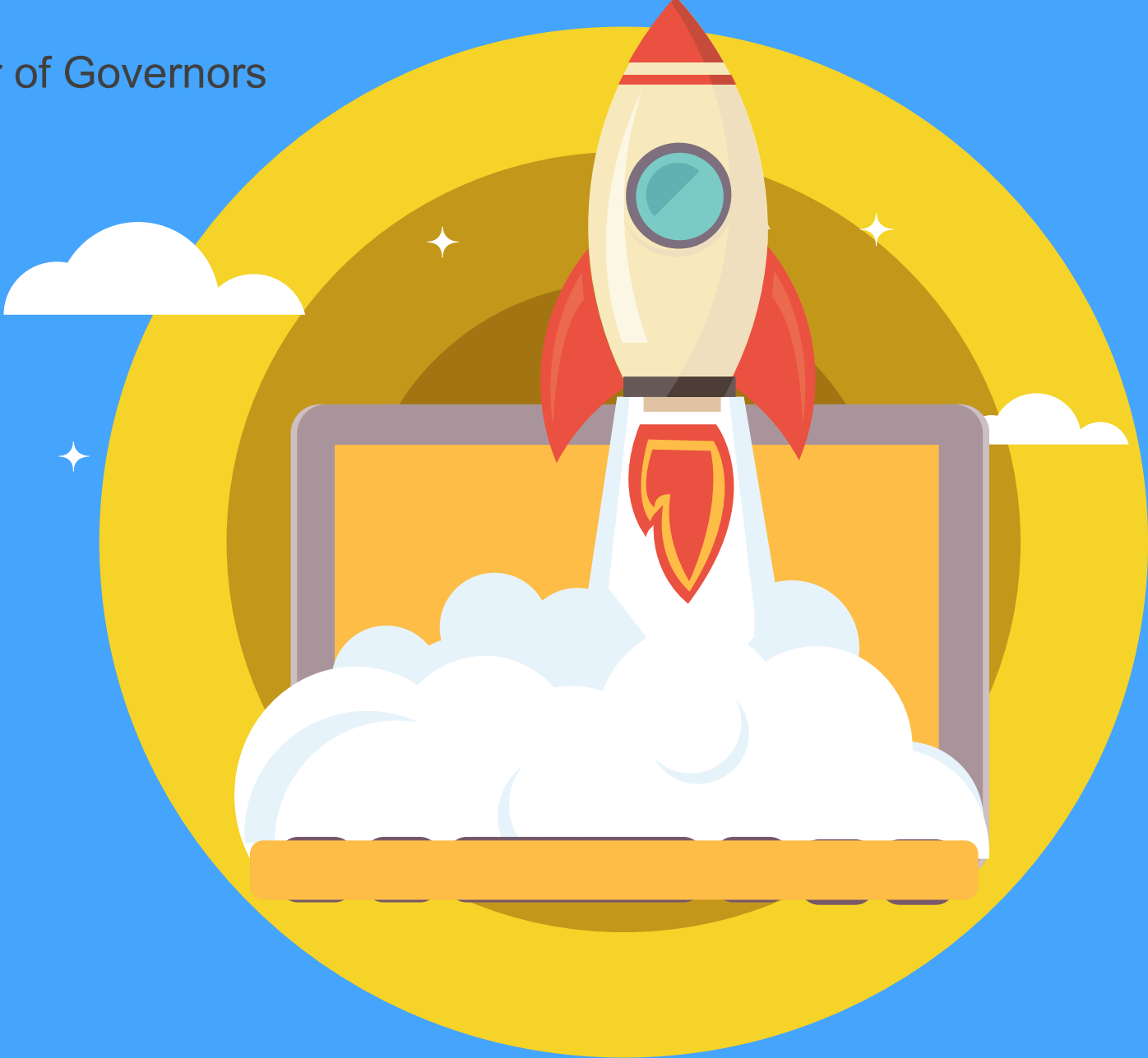
Looking ahead

The Governing Body would like to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. We pass on our good wishes to all the children who are moving on to other schools – our year six leavers, and anyone else transferring elsewhere. We hope you will take with you many good memories from your time at Hemingford. We also wholeheartedly thank all of the staff at the school for their tireless work over this last extraordinary year. We remain hopeful that things will be a bit more normal in September .

Governors are certainly looking forward to being able to meet in person and get into school on a more regular basis. Our priority will be on making sure that the school remains a safe and welcoming place for your children to learn whatever September brings, Happy Holidays.

Helen Peat, Chair of Governors

Key Dates for next term



Countdown to summer

Wishing you a safe and happy holidays,
From all the Governors at Hemingford Grey Primary