

Governors Newsletter

Summer 2019



School Development 2018 - 2019

Teaching, Learning & Assessment

To further develop and embed the curriculum for pupils at Blackshaw Lane.

Changes have been made to the curriculum and expectations within English and Maths. The school adopted Read Write Inc Phonics and provided 1-2-1 tuition.

Personal Development, Behaviour & Welfare

To reduce persistent absenteeism and to increase overall attendance to 96%. Fixed penalty notices have been issued in order to discourage future persistent absenteeism. The use of before and after school clubs and a breakfast club has also helped. The overall attendance for the first 5 half terms was 96.4% - which is fantastic.

Leadership & Management

Strengthen and develop the Senior Leadership Team, middle managers and the Governing Body. There has been a focus on the professional development of staff and governors this year.

Contacting the Governors

As parents and carers your input and ideas for the school are really important. If you have any questions or queries for the Governing Body then please e-mail us on info@blackshaw-lane.oldham.sch.uk

Dear Parents and Carers

It's the end of another year and everyone is getting ready for the well-earned summer break. This newsletter is the first of termly newsletters to give you a snapshot of what we have been up to and keep you up to speed with progress each term.

First and foremost, the Governing Body would like to say a massive thank you to Mark Pearson. Mark will be standing down as Chair at the end of this term. Mark's commitment and support to the school, the head teacher, staff, children and parents has been fantastic over the last 5 years as Chair. We are very fortunate that Mark has agreed to stay on the Governing Body as a co-opted governor, so the school will still benefit from Mark's valuable experience.

Thank you to all the amazing staff, children and parents that have worked so hard and created a wonderful school environment this year.

We also have to say goodbye to all our year 6 pupils who are moving onto their next adventure in their school life. We hope that they have an exciting time during their secondary school career.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Robertshaw who has been teaching Year 1 for the last few months and Miss Daar, who has been teaching Year 4 this term. Thank you for all your hard work and we wish you both all the best for the future.

We hope everyone has a lovely summer holiday and see you in September.

The Governors

School Visits

During the past year the Governors have visited the school during school time on many occasions. These visits have included an EYFS learning walk and lesson observation, shadowing SENCO to review the SEND provision, visits to observe the administration of the SATs, attendance at Friday celebration assembly and listening to children read.

Mrs Snape (English subject lead) and Mrs Hargreaves (Maths subject lead) have both attended a full Governors meeting to give an overview of the new schemes of work for both subjects. It was obvious that a lot of work has taken place on both subjects and they are becoming much more exciting and challenging subjects for the children.

