



Dear Parents and Friends of Itchen Abbas School

### **Governor Newsletter**

As Governors, we want to update you on a termly basis on what we have been doing.

The School has been building on the targets outlined by last year's Ofsted report and I hope that you are starting to feel the effect of these. Feedback included the need for better communications with parents and I hope that you are feeling more informed about your child's progress this year and how we have refined the school communication procedures. Please keep the feedback coming, it is really useful.

We have recently had our annual teaching and learning review visit from Hampshire Local Authority which was really positive. We have been putting a particular focus on SEND and higher achievers, both areas that Ofsted highlighted last year. Our governors received recent training on how to challenge and support the school when monitoring provision for greater depth, which was really useful! We are pleased with the further improvements the school has made which were recognised in our annual review. We are working, of course, to be even better!

We would like to say a huge thank you to you all as Friends of Itchen Abbas. The recent quiz night was a wonderful occasion that brought many of us together raising over £700 – a fantastic achievement. The Friends committee do a huge amount of work on all our behalves and the funds their activities raise are critical to providing all our children with the kit and teaching aids they need. We are delighted that they also secured us a £500 grant from Boomtown for maths and science resources. Thank you!

There are some changes to the Governing board. Two of our long standing Governors have come to the end of their terms of office. I would like to say a massive thank you to Frank Burrows, who was a governor for 11 years and the Chair of the Governing body for the majority of that time, and to James Rember who was a Governor for 9 years and Chair of the Resources Committee. They have both contributed so much in that time and will be missed. We welcome Chris Young who has recently joined us as a community governor.

As a result of the retirements of Frank and James, we now have two vacancies for Community Governors. If any of you know someone in our local community who is not a parents but would be interested in being a school governor, please ask them to get in touch with the school – we would love to hear from them!

I hope you all have a wonderful break over Easter.

Best wishes

Richard Hunt  
Governor