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GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Early in the term, I enjoyed accompanying Firle and Laughton on the joint walk. Governors have been seeing the benefits of staff planning together over the year, and it has been a priority for us to make the most of the longer term educational benefits available. However, we know that everyone has been keen for pupils to see directly the benefits of working with other schools and I hope pupils enjoyed this opportunity.

Governors are very pleased with the Year 6 SATS results. The Reading/Writing/Maths combined "expected standard" rate was 86%, well above the national average of 61%. What especially pleased us was the way in which the result rewarded the efforts staff have put into researching the best methods of teaching the new curriculum since it was announced just over two years ago. We attribute our success also to the commitment all staff have given to running the after school booster sessions. Congratulations to all our Year 6 children and thank you to parents for your support.

To top off a successful term, we were treated to a fantastic performance of The Lion King Kids. Many congratulations to everyone involved. It was a fantastic opportunity to allow pupils to show what they are capable of and governors would like to say thank you to parents for supporting their children by bringing them to rehearsals, to all the volunteers who gave up so much time to produce the extensive set, costumes and lighting, and to those who coached and directed the children. Music is an ongoing priority for governors and Ruth Lilley's vision has proved to be an inspiring one.

The Lion King continues the tradition of the school benefitting from the skill and commitment of volunteers. Last summer, one of our governors, Lizzie Overton, volunteered to run a production of The Tempest and in a similar way coaxed fantastic performances from a diverse cohort of pupils. Lizzie's input has been invaluable in developing our school vision. Lizzie has secured a post as Headteacher at Danehill School and is therefore stepping down from the Governing Body. We give her our thanks and best wishes.

We hope you have a good break. Please look out for our letters and meeting dates next term regarding Parent Coffee mornings and our Way Forward evening events. Meeting and talking to you all is a valuable part of our decision making process and we hope you can spare the time to take part.

Yours faithfully

Denise Kong

Chair of Governors