

Governing Body Update Sept 2021

The Local governing body of RWPA would like to welcome you back to the new academic year. Each year the Governing body agrees on a key focus. Last year was communication and we hope we achieved this through these updates and the 'about me' pieces.

If you missed any of the governor information you can find the updates and, shortly, the 'about me' pieces on the website.

This year we would like to be more visible within the school to both teachers and pupils. During Covid, we have been unable to visit school as often as we would like. Now the restrictions are lifting, we hope to resume our regular visits to school.

Attendance

We, the governors, are proud of the school's attendance record which has stayed high above the government's target during the last school year. It is thanks to you (parents and carers) and the staff, who have worked together to make sure the children attend everyday. We hope this can be maintained over the coming year.

Staffing Update

After a robust recruitment process the Governing body would like to welcome 3 new staff members who have joined us

Phoebe Turner - Sports Coach Apprentice

Sinead Brady - Teaching Assistant Apprentice

Anna Magson - Swimming coach

Mrs Cummings has accepted a 2 days a week SENDCo post at Alderman & Cogan school. She will continue her SENDCo role within RWPA three days per week and continue to be supported by the assistant SENDCo, Rebecca Smith.

If you would like to work within the school, we have a few vacancies, please take a look at the website.

New EY/Year 1 area

The governors would like to say a big thank you to the Wilkinson, Cobb and Hodgson trust who have made funding available to the school. This has enabled the Early Years and Year 1 teams to acquire some wonderful new resources. The staff are excited to use these resources within their planned teaching and learning, enriching the areas of provision and promoting learning through play. The governors heard from Miss Arnold and Ms Sutton how they have witnessed the children enjoying the new resources and how this is enriching and cementing their learning within the classroom. Thank you to Early Excellence who have set up the resources, the children are excited to start using them. Look out for more changes within the EYFS and Year 1 playgrounds.

Below are some photos of the children exploring the new resources.



Summer Reading Challenge

The governors were excited to hear from Mrs Dale (Governor & Strensall Librarian) about the wonderful uptake of RWPA pupils who entered and finished the summer reading challenge run by York Libraries. Over 100 pupils signed up, with a large number completing the challenge. Well done to all involved.

The governing body is looking forward to a more 'Normal' school year, without too many restrictions and disruptions, allowing the school to resume some of the extra curricular activities we have missed over the last 18 months.

Stay safe and well

RWPA Local Governing Body.