

Redland Community Primary School

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To Parents and Carers

7th October 2019

At the beginning of the academic year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families who are bringing their children to Redland School for the first time. We hope that they are quickly settling into the routines of the new environment as they begin their exciting educational journey.

For those returning to Redland, you will undoubtedly have noticed the extensive work that was carried out prior and during the school holidays. Although some of the constructions and repairs have continued into the school term, the bulk of the work has now been completed and the benefits are being experienced by both children and staff. The new areas will give greater provision for group activities whilst the new toilet facilities for the FS2 classes provides suitable comfort and security for our youngest children.

The school as a whole has taken on a new look, with the addition of a new colourful perimeter fence, Arctic cabin, running track and outdoor apparatus. Some of this work has been funded by third parties who were kindly willing to aid in the welfare of our children, whilst FORS continue to provide a valuable platform of financial assistance to help make the school an enjoyable place to learn.

For 2019/20 The Board of Governors will be focusing their efforts to uphold the high standards set in 2018/19 and continue to oversee that a progressive level of learning is taking place for our children. The Governing body have a duty to maintain the level of attainment within the core subjects and will be looking to witness various degrees of progression across the school. This will be viewed in conjunction with the schools ethos of maintaining a broad curriculum which offers a high level of child engagement within the more creative subjects and on the sporting field.

The Governing body will continue to work closely to support Mrs Joy and all staff members to ensure that the school continues to be a friendly and engaging environment where your children want to learn.

Outside of the curriculum, the challenges of maintaining a school built in the 1970's are numerous. The careful balance of sustaining a healthy school budget whilst funding building improvements is constantly under review. Certain aspects of maintenance can be funded from the local authority (new hall and mobile roof). However, much of the legwork comes under the responsibility of the school and has to be funded from the school budget. The regular maintenance of the physical school building and facilities (including IT) requires a set of skills that is currently in need from the board of governors.

To aid in this area, the Governors are in need of a new parents/carers /friends of the school, to provide oversight and an expert view on these matters. If your background is in Facilities Management, Construction, Building Maintenance or IT, we would love to hear from you.

Should you wish to speak with any of the current governors with regards to becoming a parent governor, or know of anyone known to you who may be interested please contact Lisa Pullin at lp@redland.wilts.sch.uk and we will arrange an informal meeting to answer any questions you may have regarding the role.

On behalf of the Board of Governors at Redland School, we wish you all the very best for the rest of the year.

Best wishes.

Gerard Hilderly
Chair of Governors