



BLUEBELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lovelace Road Norwich Norfolk NR4 7DS

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Dear All Parents and Carers of the Children at Bluebell Primary School

We the Governors of Bluebell Primary School are writing to let you know what we have been doing as a team since we last wrote to you.

Following last years statutory assessments, we have, again, fallen under the coasting category. Please see the attached letter for more information.

We also feel it important to update you with regards to Bluebell and its possible academy status. With the joint challenges we face as a coasting school, the governing team will continue to explore and find out more information about the right sort of academy trust for Bluebell. We will keep you updated of any further progress in this area.

As governors we become involved with a variety of issues including finance, pupil welfare, staff appointments, health and safety and maintenance of buildings and grounds. However we consider our most important role is to monitor the education and wellbeing of the children. Governors are appointed to ensure that objectives are met and that planning for the future is both visionary and realistic. We are here to support and encourage the Head teacher and all school personnel so that children have access to an enriched education and the opportunities they deserve.

We held our most recent Full Governors Meeting on Tuesday 20th March 2018 and were delighted to hear of all the extra opportunities which the school has worked hard to provide for your children. The year 2 School Sports Partnership Dance Show was another success this year, promoting getting active and having fun. All of the children who took part showed huge confidence and focus performing in front of such a large audience. Well done to everyone involved. Also, there was a skateboarding day which every child had the opportunity to try. The children who got to the finals at the Norfolk School Games made us all very proud of their achievements. These are some really great opportunities for all of the children. There have been too many events to list in this letter, but we would like to say what a special day it was on return from half term for all the children to see GB Olympic Medalist Laura Samuels show all the students her super human strength at jumping and every child got to handle her medal! All these different experiences are so wonderful for the children and opportunities they may wish to towards in the future.

We understand that many of us, parents, children and staff, have had bugs, coughs and colds and flu symptoms over the past few weeks and we hope that everyone is fully recovered following the half term break. Attendance is the key to achieving good results. This includes arriving on time and ready to start learning. Children who turn up late or frequently miss school often fall behind. It is so important that children have the best possible attendance at school as it helps us to enable that each and every student at Bluebell reach their best potential. Current studies also prove that encouraging

regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of achieving well at high school.

We are working hard to support the school anyway we can to look at best practice, introducing new ways of doing things. One of the best ways you can support your children at home is to read with your child. It is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day. You may also be interested to learn that there are many reading schemes through your local library, so why not drop in and find out what's going on. We are supporting an after school club giving the children another opportunity to read and do homework while in the school environment. This club is run on a Wednesday after school and all children from Reception through to Year 6 are invited, parents are always welcome to. If you are interested in volunteering an hour of your time to read with the children, please have a chat with Miss Nugent our Parent Governor for more details.

If you would like to know more about our role and what we do our vision can be found on the school website at www.bluebell.norfolk.sch.uk Please take this opportunity to have a look at this. You will find it is packed with useful links and parent information, including useful dates for your diaries. We also now have Twitter and a Facebook page, so why not follow us and see what is going on.

Lastly, we would like to wish you all the very best in 2018 and thank you for taking the time to read our letter. We look forward to seeing you in the school very soon.

Yours sincerely

Bluebell Primary School Governing Body