



Dear Parents and Carers

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 earlier this year.

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

Attendance is the key to achieving good results. This includes arriving at school on time and ready to start learning. Children who arrive late or who are frequently absent from 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 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.

You may have seen in the news recently how Norfolk schools are falling behind national standards. We are working hard to support Bluebell in many different ways. One of the best ways you can support your children at home is reading with your child. It is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It is best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day. You may also be interested to know that there are many reading schemes available through your local library, so why not drop in and find out what's going on. The governors will also be supporting a new after school club giving the children an opportunity to read and do homework while in the school environment. This will start in November 2017, more information on this will follow!

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.

If you would like to know more about our role and what we do, our vision and governance statement for 2017 can be found on the school website at www.bluebell.norfolk.sch.uk Please take this opportunity to have a look. You will find the website packed with useful links and parent information, including useful dates for your diaries. We also now have Twitter and Facebook pages, so why not follow us and see what is going on.

We hope you have a great October half term 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