



# BLUEBELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear 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 and to let you know of changes which you may see in the future.

Firstly please join us in welcoming Lydia Hill in the pastoral role working to support school attendance. Congratulations Lydia and we hope you enjoy your time at Bluebell.

Attendance is key to achieving good results, not only ensuring that your child attends school and ready to learn each day, it is important that they arrive on time as many key lessons are held in the mornings immediately after registration.

You may have had your child come home and talk about the new Read Write Inc (RWI) Reading and Phonics Scheme which has been rolled out following an investment in the resources to teach phonics in a systematic way. Here we see the children's reading skills being developed through the use of new books and the methodology of RWI. Also congratulations to everyone who joined in the dress up for World Book Day, it was lovely to see so many different characters about the school.

This leads us nicely on to stress how important it is to enforce this learning by continuing to read at home. It is the single most important thing you can do to help with your child's education. It is best to read little but often, so please put just a little time aside for this every day.

Bluebell has also had a complete refurbishment of their IT equipment, making sure the children have up to date access to different sources of IT, ensuring higher security and that there are not long delays trying to log on.

As governors we become involved with a variety of issues including finance, pupil welfare, staff appointments, health and safety and maintenance of building 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 challenge the Head Teacher and all school personnel so that children have access to an enriched education and the opportunities they deserve. Our vision can be found on the school website at [www.bluebell.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.bluebell.norfolk.sch.uk) Please take this opportunity to have a look. You will find it is absolutely packed with useful links and parent information, including useful dates for you diaries. We also have Twitter and Facebook pages, so why not follow us and see what is going on.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to update you all on Bluebell's current status with regards to academisation. At our last full governors meeting it was unanimously agreed that to ensure Bluebell has the best support possible to drive forward school improvement, we put a working team together to explore possible Multi Academy Trusts (MATs), which would best fit Bluebell's needs and strengths. This work is on-going and we will keep you informed of any decisions or changes as they are made. The process of transferring to an Academy is a very long process, but again we shall update you when any decisions take place.

Whilst we appreciate this news may be a little unsettling, we are making sure this journey will be a positive one and we are committed to finding the best future for pupils, parents, staff and our wider community.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter, if you do have any queries for the governing team arising from this letter, please contact us through the school office.

Yours sincerely

*Bluebell Primary School Governing Body*