



Inkpen Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

One of the things that I love about our school are the smiles from children and staff that I am welcomed with when I make my weekly visits, they brighten up my day and make the job worthwhile.

Governor visits this year have focussed on ensuring that the children retain knowledge by revisiting and reviewing previous work in lessons and we have seen evidence that this approach is working well. We always hold pupil voice groups when we visit to get the children's views and opinions on what and how they learn. It is rewarding to see them engaged and interested in their work. Work still continues to ensure that standards of behaviour are maintained and a consistent approach is making a difference.

The whole school enjoys weekly Forest School and the time spent learning outdoors provides a complementary learning experience to classroom based learning. This allows our children to develop through healthy engagement with risk, problem-solving and self-discovery all within a natural environment.

The PSA have done a fantastic job fund-raising this year and everyone is delighted with the new outdoor play area for the younger children. It is a fabulous space for them to play while learning and will be hugely beneficial.

We are still waiting for the old buildings to be demolished, we have been advised that this will now happen during the summer holidays. Once removed this area will give us extra space for the children to play in during break and lunch times.

Work has continued on fine-tuning the curriculum during the course of the year and we are confident that the curriculum is coherently planned and sequenced towards sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning and enjoyment. Staff spend a lot of time planning and fine tuning to ensure that there is a consistent approach to the teaching of different skills. We are always impressed with the collaboration between staff and subjects to ensure that high standards are developed and maintained throughout. There has been particular focus on reading, vocabulary, spelling and handwriting this year and this approach has led to an improvement in these areas throughout the school.



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We look forward to welcoming Mrs Pilsworth back to the staff in September. We know that she will work well with our current staff and will be a great addition to the team. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Bradford for all her hard work this year.

As a governing body, we are absolutely committed to supporting our staff and ensuring our children have a broad and rounded education. Our staff team work long hours and show commitment to each child in our school. We would like to thank the parent community in showing consideration and respect to the staff. The staff share an open dialogue with parents and make themselves available at very short notice. This is a feature of the school we are proud of and we would like to ensure that our friendly and welcoming school remains that way.

Lastly, I will be standing down from the board of governors this month and am confident that you continue to have a strong board of governors who work hard to ensure that Inkpen remains a great school for our community. Thank you for your continued support over the years and we wish everyone a happy and fun summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

Chair of Governors:

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