



Building the
Foundations
for Success

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Summer Term Governor Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

It is a pleasure to write to you at the end of an excellent year for Robertswood. The recent SATS results show that, in terms of attainment, we are in line with the national average or above average from Reception, through year 1 and 2 up to year 6 in English and Maths. This is a result of the focussed leadership of Mr Richings and the Senior Leadership team and the consistently good teaching right across the school which was recognised in the recent Ofsted report.

Children achieve good results when they feel secure and happy. When I wrote to you a year ago, I shared with you the updated school Vision Statement.

ROBERTSWOOD SCHOOL – OUR VISION

We are committed to providing an outstanding education within a secure and happy environment, where each child is valued and equipped with the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding to become caring, confident and successful individuals.

We are delighted that our Ofsted inspector recognised the fulfilment of this Vision, commenting that Robertswood is a “warm and welcoming environment in which pupils feel safe and secure” and that our “pupils demonstrate exemplary behaviour in class and around the school. They are polite, friendly and very well mannered.”

As governors, it is really important that we keep abreast of changes in education policy. This year we have been proactive in attending conferences about moves towards more autonomy through federation of schools or the formation of Multi Academy Trusts. We will work with Mr Richings and the SLT to monitor the local and national situation to ensure that we do whatever is right for our pupils and our school.

One of the great privileges of being a school governor is spending time with the pupils and last week a colleague and I met with a delightful group of Year 6 children to discuss how they feel about leaving Robertswood. The children told us they have mixed emotions about moving schools, they have loved their time at Robertswood and will be sad to leave but feel well prepared for the challenge ahead. Year 5 and 6 had just had a talk on safety from the local Police Community Support Officer who had stressed to the children the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

Over the summer holidays many of your children will spend even more time than usual on their tablets, pcs and phones. Those parents who attended the online safety evening in May learned a great deal of valuable information from Paul Hay who emphasised the importance of talking to our children about the dangers of what they are doing online just as we teach them about the dangers of crossing the road or talking to strangers face to face. I would really urge all parents to take the time to visit as many as possible of the sites and videos on the next page and discuss these with your children to keep them safe online over the summer holidays.

We send our best wishes to all our Year 6 children and their families. We wish you an enjoyable and successful time at secondary school and we hope you will keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on. For those staying with us next year we wish you a good summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Erica

Erica Penman, Chair of Governors



Online safety resources

Shareaware.



Videos about the risks of sharing selfies, online bullies, stranger danger online

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

Netaware:



Review of social networking sites children use, including age recommendations, tips on blocking, privacy settings etc

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

NSPCC/ O2 Helpline



A free helpline which tells you how to set up parental controls and privacy settings and which will provide advice e.g on Cyberbullying.

NB you can also make a free appointment to take your child's phone/ tablet into an O2 store and they will help you set it up – you don't need to be an O2 customer.

<http://guru.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator>

ThinkUKnow



Excellent website with age graded resources for children on internet safety and useful conversation starters for parents to use with their children

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>