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Dear Parents,

As always it has been a busy final term. Thank you to all the staff and parents for all the time and effort you put into providing the different activities for our pupils. Although it is not as busy as 'normal', we are trying our best to give the children an enjoyable end to the year. Fingers crossed when we come back in September, restrictions may be lifted even more and our schools can return to our more 'normal' states.

Last week, the Governing Body had their termly meeting to ensure that the school is running effectively and all children are progressing well educationally. In the interest of transparency, the Governing Body keeps you updated on items discussed at our full Governing Body meetings throughout each academic year. The minutes from each meeting are held in the school office, once they have been approved, and if any parent would like to look at these in detail please ask the Headteacher.

The following list is a summary of the points discussed during our recent Summer Term meeting:

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and any action/impact points were discussed:
 - The administrator at Brockton is back from sick leave and all administrative duties are covered.
 - Governors are having a strategy meeting on 07.07.21 at Brockton Primary to discuss 'where they are as a governing body and where do we want to be'.
 - Work on updating The Federations website will commence soon
2. It was reported that Wistanstow had closed for half a day 27.05.21 due to a significant leak in the corridor. Children were sent home with packed lunches and the damage was repaired in the half term break.
3. Due to Dave Tinkers absence an acting headteacher was appointed Marilyn Hunt. Dave is due to be off school until at least the end of this term.
4. Due to needing to postpone the meeting with the schools finance officer, the Business and Management committee will meet next week to finalize each individual schools budget. The Governing body have passed the power to the Business Management Committee to sign off on the budgets.
5. The Curriculum Committee have also not been able to meet this term, due to time constraints. Our time was taken up putting an action plan into place to ensure The Federation continues to be an establishment of Best Practice



6. Due to Dave's absence each Assistant Head compiled a report for Governors, detailing what has been happening within schools and updating Governors on whole school issues:

- **Brockton**

- Schools' atmosphere is happy and relaxed.
- Individual pupils who require extra support in curriculum or at playtimes are getting regular coaching and guidance.
- A TA has been employed full time for 3 days to cover 'Covid catch up' plans
- School cook continues to be on sickness leave, several temporary cooks have been sourced through catering services.
- Staff have attended a variety of courses over this term
- Assessment test undertaken for the summer term and results yet to be compiled.
- Reports to parents to go out soon and parent consultations will be offered outside or via Zoom.
- There are a few building issues that need to be addressed. Marilyn will follow up asap.
- Attendance is good.

- **Church Preen**

- Individual pupils who require extra support in curriculum are getting regular catch up sessions
- Staff have attended a variety of courses over this term
- Assessment test yet to be undertaken for the summer term.
- Reports to parents to go out on 02.07.21 and parent consultations will be offered via Zoom.
- KS2 boys toilets were replaced during half term
- Groundwork has been postponed due to weather and workload. This should commence soon.
- Attendance is good.

- **Wistanstow**

- Mrs Townley is off sick and remains at home awaiting surgery. She has not been given a date as yet, therefore, plans are in place for cover in September if required.
- Mrs Elaine Hughes is leaving. The Governing Body wish her well in her retirement.
- Pupil population is growing, which is wonderful news.
- Repairs to the soft surface under the climbing frame will commence soon.
- White Rose Maths has been successfully introduced across the school, giving greater opportunities for those who find maths challenging and gives work at greater depth for those children who need to be challenged.
- A suite of 26 laptops has been purchased for pupil use.
- Mrs Fenton has completed the SIAMS training provided by Hereford Diocese and is beginning to implement some of the development points.
- Two full time TA's will be appointed for September giving greater support to staff and pupils.
- Assessments have been completed and data is being used to identify those children who need catch-up and to identify gaps in learning.
- Attendance is very good.

7. It was reported that all schools in The Federation are fully open and all pupils have returned to school life very well. Staggered starts and ends are in place, handwashing and sanitizing are also been completed to the Government guidelines.

8. Simon James had attended New Governor training and Amber Byrne had attended Safer Recruitment training, Schools Remote Offer training and Head and Chairs briefing.

9. Some parental concerns were received by governors and discussed. However due to the communication being anonymous no direct response could be made. Just a reminder that should you have an item you wish to discuss, please initially raise it with the class teacher, then Assistant Head, followed by the Head and finally

with the Governing Body, should you wish to raise a formal complaint. The formal complaints policy is the 'policies' section of the website

The above is a brief overview of what was discussed in the full Governing Body meeting. We hope this is of interest to you and gives you an insight into what goes on behind the scenes at The Edge Schools' Federation.

Enjoy the summer holidays.

Many thanks
Amber Byrne
Chair of Governors