

Tudor Primary School



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Dear Parent / Carer,

Governors summary of 2016-17

As the 2016-17 Summer term comes an end it is timely to take stock of where Tudor is now and where it is going.

Since Mr Weightman joined us in September, there have been many exciting things happening at Tudor. In fact, you only have to dip into our new school website to get a small flavour of this!

OFSTED Inspection

You will all know that Tudor underwent an OFSTED inspection in the Spring term. The team at Tudor is delighted that OFSTED continued to rate the school as **Good**, which is an endorsement of the hard work and commitment of 'TeamTudor', and to the progress and achievements of the pupils as well as the support of our parents over recent years.

The inspectors highlighted many positive areas at Tudor, which Mr Weightman and the Leadership team will continue to build upon. In addition, there were a number of areas identified for development, which the team are already addressing with the full support of the Governing Board.

Tudor's Vision - "*enable dreams, inspire minds and to build futures*"

Ultimately the good OFSTED report is a by-product of our vision for the pupils at Tudor. The leadership team and Governing board recently revisited this vision, reaffirming our commitment to *enable dreams, inspire minds and to build futures* for our pupils. Team Tudor will focus on maintaining high standards to ensure pupils are happy, highly motivated and actively engaged in learning as well as provided with a high quality of social and cultural development.

School Governors

The Governing Board has developed and grown over the past year. We were pleased to welcome four new parent Governors to the team - Martyn Cohen, Eva Rodriguez, Pauline Chalmers, and Charley Baginsky; as well as two new co-opted Governors from the local community, Chris Mansfield and Sarah Fitton. These appointments bring new skills to the Governing Board, which will aid our ongoing commitment to provide the school with support and challenge in equal measure.

You will be pleased to know that the Governors have visited the school regularly over the last year, ensuring more detailed scrutiny on how the school is working. These visits are vitally important and allow the Governing Board to measure the success of the school improvement plan and the current practices and initiatives underway. This includes seeing and understanding everything from Safeguarding, Health and Safety through to how Tudor meets the needs of every individual child.

New Initiatives

Mr Weightman has launched a number of new initiatives this year including the breakfast club, which has positively increased attendance, as well as the reading drive, the homework club and the new mid-year reporting system – if you'd like any more information on these initiatives please discuss with the teaching staff or check out the website for more details. All of these have had positive impacts on pupil progress. The Governing Board intend on continuing to support these and other successful initiatives to ensure all pupils are given the opportunity to be the best they can be.

School Developments

It has been clear to see how some of the recent improvements to our building including the new window walling and school reception refurbishment have had a positive impact on how the school looks as well as streamlining the day-to-day running of the school. We hope that you have valued these changes too.

Year 6 SATs Results

By now, you will have received your child's SATs results and I am sure you will be pleased with what they have achieved. It was great to see the fantastic progress made by the children. Special mention to Yr 6 who had a dramatic leap in results with 69% at least meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, an increase of 26% on the previous year. Well done to all the children and staff who have worked so hard this year.

Goodbye and Good Luck

Finally, we say goodbye to our Year 6 children and their families. We wish them every success as they embrace the next stage of their learning journey and settle into their secondary schools. We are sure that they will remember Tudor fondly. We also would like to extend our thanks, on behalf of the school, to you as parents and carers. Our close partnership ensures that Tudor continues to be a school to be very proud of indeed.

I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable holiday break.

Jenny Howard

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Board