



# Prior's Mill C.E. Primary School

## From the Chair of Governors

We are delighted to say we have had a very successful term at Prior's Mill with some exciting developments to report before the summer break.

As I informed you in my last communication, The Board of Governors had recently reconstituted. Since then we have been hard at work developing an effective team. As part of our development we have undertaken safeguarding and OFSTED training as a team, in addition to a self-evaluation of skills audit.

We currently have one vacancy to complete the board's reconstitution and are specifically looking for an experienced educational professional to join us on our journey. If anyone with extensive educational experience is interested, please contact myself or Mrs Wild directly for an informal discussion.

The purpose of governance is to provide confident, strategic leadership and to create robust accountability, oversight and assurance for educational and financial performance. I am pleased to report we have now approved the current budget; in addition to meeting the ongoing committed expenditure of the school we have been able to increase spending on curriculum, increase staffing and supported the development of the MUGA amongst other investments such as Singapore Maths.

We recently received presentations at our Full Governing Body Meeting from the History, Geography and Science Leads and are delighted at the progress that we are making in these areas. We were also delighted to see the development of young leaders who are being coached and supported by our experienced Leadership Team of Mrs Wild and Miss Huddart.

Last week we received the return of the KS2 test results and are once again delighted at the results. In the tests, 84% of our Year 6 children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Spelling & Grammar, Writing and Maths. In reading, the national figure was 71%, writing was 76%, Spelling & Grammar 77% and Maths 75%. Combined Reading and Maths was 61% for national data and Prior's Mill was 72%. **Prior's Mill has performed higher than both local and national achievements.**

On behalf of The Board of Governors I want to personally thank the Head Teacher, Mrs Wild, and each and every one of her team for the hard work and dedication they exhibit every day in order that Prior's Mill have been able to achieve such exemplary results. I also want to congratulate KS2 on their success and wish them all the very best for the future.

This term the new website was launched; I hope you agree that this a welcome improvement and an integral part of how we communicate with parents and other stakeholders. We are continuing to add new content. If any parent has any suggestions as to how we can make it even better, please pass your thoughts on to Julie Plaice in the School Office. We are also looking to launch a smart device application in the autumn term to again further improve our communication mediums; we will update you in due course about the launch.

As you are aware we received exciting news at the end of last term in relation to our successful bid for a new nursery building to enable us to offer the government's free 30 hours per week childcare at Prior's Mill. This planning process is well underway now, we will provide updates via the regular newsletter/website when we have further information on timescales.

Work on the investment in a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at the school is nearing completion which will enhance further our ability to deliver sporting activities for the children. Miss Huddart, our Deputy Head has been leading this project and will communicate further details in the autumn term.

Finally, the safety of the children and staff is always our number one priority, to this end we have installed a new car park barrier to manage the car/person interface in school. I would just like to request that parent's park with consideration to our neighbours and with the children's safety as a paramount consideration when visiting the school.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming pupils back in the autumn term.

**Mr Kevin Cooper**  
**Chair of Governors**