

Attendance

Class 2W had **100% attendance** this week. Well Done!
The house with the highest attendance is **CHALLENGE** with **98.3%**

Overall the school attendance was **97.9%**

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
F2B – Miss Booth	99.4%
F2W – Mrs. Warren	96%
1WV – Mrs. Wood & Mrs. Viggars	98.3%
1H – Mr. Hassall	98.3%
2L – Mrs. Lloyd	96.3%
2W – Mrs. Winfield	100%
3TH – Mrs. Thompson & Mrs. Hazelden	97.4%
3P – Mr. Price	97.7%
4B – Miss Barratt	97.7%
4S – Mrs. Soulsby	95.3%
5DM – Mrs. Durkin & Mrs. Moore	97.6%
5K – Miss Kirk	98.8%
6E – Mr. Ellis	98.8%
6H – Mrs. Hutton	99%

Diary Dates

18/12/2018 – Year 5&6 Christmas party
 18/12/2018 – Year 3&4 trip to see Peter pan
 19/12/2018 – Year 3&4 Christmas party
 20/12/2018 – FS2/KS1 Christmas party
 20/12/2018 – Year 1&2 trip to see Little Red Riding Hood
 21/12/2018 – Christmas jumper day
 21/12/2018 – Break up for Christmas
 07/01/2019 – Return to school
 10/01/2019 – Maths fluency evening 6-7pm
 17/01/2019 – Yr. 5 Kingswood information evening 6pm
 17/01/2019 – Yr. 6 SATs meeting 6.45-7.30pm
 18/01/2019 – Yr. 4 assembly to parents 9.10am
 01/02/2019 – JGA coffee morning 2-3pm
 04/02/2018 – Instrumental Concert 6.30-7.30pm
 08/02/2019 – JGA movie night 4.30-9pm
 15/02/2019 – INSET day – break up for half term
 25/02/2018 – Return to school
 05/03/2018 – FS2 & Yr. 6 heights and weights
 05/03/2018 – Parents Evening
 06/03/2018 – Parents Evening
 08/03/2018 – Yr. 2 Assembly to parents
 25/03/2018 – Hathersage 4B
 27/03/2018 – Hathersage 4S
 03/04/2018 – Class Photos
 05/04/2018 – Break up for Easter holidays
 14/06/2018 – FS2 assembly to parents
 23/04/2018 – Return to school
 02/05/2018 – Arts Concert 6-7pm
 03/05/2018 – Yr. 3 assembly to parents
 06/05/2018 – bank Holiday
 13/05/2018 – Yr. 6 SATs week
 24/05/2018 – Yr. 1 assembly to parents
 24/05/2018 – break up for Half term
 03/06/2018 – Return to school
 03/06/2018 – Yr. 6 Bikeability begins
 26/06/2018 – Instrumental concert 6-7pm
 01/07/2018 – ice breaker evening West Bridgford School
 12/07/2018 – Open afternoon
 19/07/2018 – Break up for summer holidays



Thanks to those who have provided positive feedback after my first couple of Governor Updates – I'm glad you're finding the information helpful. Many of you also shared your thoughts about how Jesse Gray communicates more broadly as part of the recent survey. More on that in a moment; but first, we had our second governors meeting of the school year last week. As ever, there was a lot to cover!

The Governing Body got back to full strength as we welcomed another new Governor to join the group. Not only is Liz Hopkins a Jesse Gray parent (so many of our Governors either have, or have previously had, children at the school) but she is used to managing budgets and all the challenges that brings. I'm really looking forward to working with her on both the Full Governing Body and the Resources Committee. As a number of long-standing Governors decided to finally call time on their Governing Body careers over the summer Sarah and I have also been working hard to refresh several key roles. I'm hugely grateful to Kaj Ghattaora who has taken on the role of Vice Chair and Rashmi Patel who is the new Chair of the Resources Committee. All of the appointments were discussed and approved by Governors last week.

There were two other topics that Governors spent time discussing at the meeting. Firstly, Fran Moore joined us to provide an overview of her first year as Director of Teaching & Learning. For those of you who don't know, just over a year ago Sarah asked Fran to take on a new strategic DHT role as the Director of Teaching & Learning at Jesse Gray. After our last inspection of the school in September 2016 Ofsted confirmed that the school continued to be rated 'Good'. There was much positive feedback in their report (you can find a copy on school website) but also a challenge to ensure that all of the children who were able to were stretched to exceed the expected standard. One of the key objectives for the Director of Teaching & Learning role is to support the teaching staff across the school to meet this challenge. Fran shared how she has approached the role and provided lots of practical examples of new ideas that have been tried this year. It was particularly nice to hear feedback from some of the teachers about the impact these new ideas are having.

The other topic Governors spent time discussing was the results of the recent parent survey about how Jesse Gray communicates. 163 of you shared your views – thank you! A letter was sent out this week summarising the results and sharing what Jesse Gray will be doing with your feedback and ideas. Do take the time to have a look at the letter in more detail. As a quick summary, I have three key takeaways from the survey. Firstly, that the Jesse Gray website is a really useful source of information, but could be easier to navigate. Secondly, the class Twitter feeds have quickly become a firm favourite with a large majority of you. Thirdly, you feel that you receive valuable information about your child's progress from their teacher.

Happy Christmas & Merry New Year
Chris Walker, Chair of Governors