

JOHN EMMERSON BATTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy term for everyone at John Emmerson Batty School. I think the main event was the visit from Ofsted. Mr Kitchen and his team of staff ought to be congratulated on the very positive outcome of the inspection. As Governors we were very pleased with the outcome of the report and the very many positive things that it endorsed as far as the life of our school is concerned. It is a credit to the school, staff, parents, governors and most importantly the children that it was such a good report. There is so much to be proud of and I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Kitchen and all the staff for the great efforts that they have made in sustaining and improving progress at the school in so many ways.

I would like to thank our wonderful children for their hard work throughout the term. In our role as Governors we have been impressed watching the children adapting to their new classroom environments, learning new concepts from an ever challenging curriculum and making progress throughout the term. Our visits are always enjoyable and we learn so much from the children too.

Like all schools we have a school improvement plan in which we have identified key goals. The plan enables the Governing Body to ensure the Senior Leadership Team is up to date with the planned actions and that the required action is taken. Our key aims include:

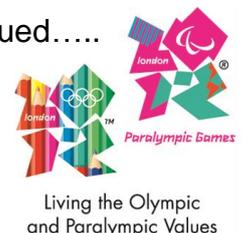
- To positively impact on reading outcomes across the school
- To improve KS2 attainment and progress by focussing on literacy
- To review and revise assessment procedures in view of the new curriculum

Each Governors' meeting we review these aims and make sure actions are being put into place to address them. Other aspects of our work this term have included reviewing policies such as Safeguarding, Marking and Behaviour amongst others.

Christmas means a lot of hard work in school: the school is full of decorations made by the children and the children worked incredibly hard to put on the Christmas performances. They certainly put everyone in the spirit of Christmas from the Nursery Christmas songs, to the First Nativity and of course reminding everyone of what needs to be done in the 'Countdown to Christmas'. Well done everyone!

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Thank you to our parents and carers for your continuing support through events such as our Christmas Fayre and Harvest Festival. It makes such a difference to school that by working together we can ensure that the children enjoy their time at John E. Batty.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Lindley who has taught in Nursery for a number of years. The Governors would like to thank her for her dedication, commitment and contribution to the school; we wish her well in the future.

On behalf of the full Governing Body, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas with every best wish for 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Fall
Chair of Governors

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