

# Cupernham Infant School

*Together we care, we learn and we achieve*

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the half-term break, I wanted to give you an update on the work of the Governing Body and to highlight some of our priorities.

We have had four Full Governing Board (FGB) meetings so far this year, where we have spent time on Maths, Pupil Premium, Attendance, Pupil Progress, SEND, Safeguarding and Staffing. We have also had several Governor visits in school, covering subjects such as Finance, Health & Safety, SEND, Behaviour, Curriculum and Maths.

I am delighted that two new Governors, Becky Smith and Lorraine Pugh have joined us. They both have a very strong primary education experience and they will add to the expertise on the Board.

One of the areas we are focusing on is attendance. I was a secondary school Governor for 13 years before joining Cupernham Infant School and one of the things that has struck me is how important the early years of education are. How well our children do at year 11 and in future life starts with what they learn right now; Mr Wells and the team create the foundations of learning that future years build upon. A statistic, which shocked me, is that a child with 95% attendance will have missed nearly two weeks of school every year. Unless your child is ill, please do everything you can to ensure they attend.

We have also spent some time focusing on our SEND provision to ensure it is meeting the needs of our children and have reviewed the updated SEND Policy and SEND Information Report.

I would like to thank FOCUS for the wonderful work they do. I live 10 minutes away from the school and this year was my first time at the firework display. I will be coming along again! I can only imagine how much hard work went into organising the event.

Our vision at Cupernham Infant School is "Together we care, we learn, and we achieve". I look forward to helping your children grow and flourish in line with this vision over the remainder of this academic year and during their time with us.

Yours sincerely

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