



# Dore Primary School Governing Body Newsletter

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## School Governing Body

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## The end of the school year.....

As we come to the end of a very busy school year there's lots to reflect upon and a lot to celebrate.

This year the school have taken full advantage of the P.E. funding government initiative. DPS are proud to be recognized by the DfE as a best practice school in this area. The children (and staff) have been involved in a variety of physical activities from Tudor dancing to squash training.

DPS have also been named as a good practice school and helped in developing the Sheffield revised SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) syllabus this year.

Not forgetting, DPS is also a lead school for Behaviour & Safety in Sheffield.

Many thanks to the staff who have led on these initiatives.

All year groups have benefitted from external groups coming into the school for singing/theatre/wildlife/sports activities. This has been paid for out of the £10 contribution by parents/carers and greatly enriched the children's school experience. If you forgot to pay the £10, please drop it into the office.

All year the staff and Governors have been preparing for an Ofsted inspection.

With no appearance from Ofsted, this leaves us prepared and ready for an inspection in Autumn 2014. Thanks to all the staff for their hard work as we continue building up towards inspection.

With Governors themselves to be inspected by Ofsted, they were assessed for the Governor Mark in June. This is to help measure Governor effectiveness and look at the areas to improve. A report is due at end of July 2014.

Data is continually being studied, looking especially at progression of pupils. Again the reading and writing shows excellent progression and the school continues to work on improving maths progression. SATS results show the focus is having effect.

Congratulations to KS1 team for the exceptional 95% result on the phonics testing, one of the highest in Sheffield.

### Y6 SATS results:

**Reading:** Level 4 and above: 97% . Level 5: 74%

**Writing:** L4 and above: 98%. L5 and above 71%. L6 23%.

**SPaG**(spelling and Grammar): L4 and above 87%. L5 and above 67%. L6 10%.

**Maths** L4 and above 98%. L5 and above 64%. L6 15%%

This Summer term saw an amazing display in school of work from all year groups about WW1.

We are delighted a large amount of the marvellous-work from Dore Primary is now being exhibited in the foyer of Sheffield Town Hall for the Summer.

Please visit if you are in town. The standard of work is admirable and thought provoking. Well done to all !



## Changes for Primary Schools 2014/2015

The Government have introduced 2 new changes that will affect DPS.

### **New Curriculum to be introduced September 2014.**

The new National Curriculum is to be more challenging, slimmer, and focused on what the current government view as essential subject knowledge.

Maths, science and English, are detailed and prescriptive, with new lists of objectives for each year and/or stage.

For non-core subjects, the programmes of study are radically slimmed down, allowing teachers more freedom to develop a curriculum for their own school. This will work well with the creative curriculum that DPS follows.

The Year 2 and Year 6 National Tests in 2014/2015 (SATS) will test children on the **current** National Curriculum.

### **Assessment without levels.**

The Government is removing the current national assessment methods to measure progress. From Sept 2014, schools will carry out day-to-day formative assessment using assessment method(s) of their choice.

Schools still have to demonstrate pupils are making progress against the new curriculum. Schools have to implement ways to collect evidence to show Ofsted and also report to parents.

DPS has already looked into various possible methods and have selected a tracking system to use next year.

Staff have had training for both the new curriculum and the new progress tracking methods. There is a lot of work with these changes but staff are positive about the challenges ahead.

### **School Policies**

Policies that have been reviewed and ratified recently:

- Data Protection & Freedom of Information Policy
- DPS Home School Agreement
- School Pay Policy

The majority of these and other policies can be viewed and downloaded on the school website in the Parent Information section.

## **A very large THANK YOU.....**

**To all the staff for their hardwork during this exceptionally busy school year. Sports/residentials/outings/choirs/drama/teaching/training/Ofsted prep etc... Thank you all for the extra hours and dedication you put in.**

**All the parents/carers/grandparents volunteering to help at the school. Without your time and talents our children would miss out on many enriching experiences.**

**The active DPA - Autumn fayre/T-Shirts/orienteering equipment/beebots/the Ball/quizzes/discos/Winter Wonderland/fun runs etc... You are brilliant.**

**To all the children - thank you for your endless enthusiasm and making this such a happy school.**

**And the final farewells to Y6. You have been excellent ambassadors for the school, we wish you all lots of luck and you will be missed.**

**We hope you all have a relaxing and happy Summer holiday.**