

GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER JULY 2018

Ofsted

In November, the school was inspected by Ofsted, the first inspection in just over 5 years. The outcome of this can enhance or damage a school's reputation. So it was truly gratifying to see the inspectors acknowledge the continued improvements that were made against the plan put in place from the 2012 inspection. The entire school staff are to be congratulated for the calm manner they approached such an important inspection. And of course, it should come as no surprise to us that the verdict was that Panshanger is a *GOOD* school that is blessed with *OUTSTANDING* staff and pupils.

Budgets

School budgets, like household budgets, have felt the strain in recent years. Our 'cost of living' has gone up the same as yours. Fortunately, the school has always been run on a sound financial footing and continues to provide everything the children require - and more. But tough choices may be required in future. Rest assured, these decisions will never be taken too simply by penny pinching, but to ensure every pound is well spent and delivers the best outcomes.

GDPR

Everyone will have seen news of the new data security legislation that came into effect in May. Running a school does require it to hold potentially sensitive information. As a result, the school has always taken the subject extremely seriously. They will always endeavour to request information that is either relevant or is a statutory requirement. They will only use that information for the purposes it was recorded for, and above all, keep that information secure.

PTA

It becomes tougher each year to find a set of words adequate to praise our phenomenal PTA. Just when you think they have set the bar as high as they can go, they step up even more. We should never take their tireless efforts for granted. They continue to set a full calendar of events, capable of raising funds that other schools could scarcely dream of. We must thank our lucky stars we have them. But as wonderful as they are, I'm sure that they would always be grateful for additional help and assistance from all parents.

SATS

As usual our current year 6 class have worked incredibly hard and achieved highly in their SATs. Results are below (please be aware they are compared to the National result from 2017 as 2018 figures are not available yet).

SAT results 2018	ARE	Greater depth
Reading	77% (72%)	20% (25%)
Writing (TA)	80% (76%)	23% (18%)
Maths	83% (77%)	10% (23%)
GPS	90% (75%)	23% (31%)

Staffing News

After 28 years of passionate service to the school, Mrs Monk has decided to take well-earned retirement. Panshanger has been lucky to hang on to such wonderful staff for many years, providing a hugely stable environment for the children. But sadly when they leave, they are big shoes to fill. We wish Mrs Monk a pleasant retirement and hope she puts her artistic talents to many worthwhile uses.

Farewell & Good Luck

For our year 6 pupils, July 20th brings to a close their Panshanger journey. All will no doubt go on to fulfil their enormous potential at their new secondary schools. We thank you for your exemplary manners, behaviour and kindness to one another. Your model behaviour upholding that long tradition of OUTSTANDING Panshanger pupils. We wish you every success in the future and will miss you all terribly.