

## **Governing Body Meetings Summer Term 2019**

This term the two Governing Body committees have met and there has been a meeting of the full Governing Body.

### **Governors would like to share the following with all parents and carers:-**

The Governing Body wished to congratulate and thank all staff at Acorns for the tremendous efforts that they have made to raise money for the school. Parents and carers will be aware that last term the school WON the Rock FM Cash for Kids Challenge by raising almost £10,000 – this is an amazing achievement given the size of the school. All our pupils will benefit from this money.

The Governing Body has a responsibility to oversee all policies implemented Acorns. We had a particularly interesting discussion about the new Acorns policy which in most schools is called the “behaviour” policy. At Acorns the approach is very much child centred and the policy is entitled “Supporting Social and Emotional Development”. The focus is away from *punishing* poor and inappropriate behaviour to preventing it happening through a deeper understanding of what may be causing such behaviour.

We are a school that is rated as GOOD by OFSTED – the organisation which inspects schools. A new framework for inspection is being introduced from September. The governing body discussed how we can make sure we are prepared for this so that we can help Acorns achieve at least this grading – or indeed OUTSTANDING – when we have our next OFSTED inspection. We have set up a small sub group to look at this and one of our parent governors will be involved.

As a Governing Body we are very keen to hear the views of parents and carers. One of the ways we would like to do this to be available at events so that we can chat. The first occasion this will happen will be at Parents’ Evening on 26<sup>th</sup> June. Two Governors – Mandy Howarth and Pav Akhtar will be there.