

Atwood Primary School Newsletter

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Parent Governor Vacancy

Due to other commitments, Ray Reid has decided to step down as a parent governor at our school. I would like to thank Ray for all his support over the past two years. His skills and knowledge have been an asset to the school.

I have now been asked by our chairman to hold an election for a new parent governor. School governors make important collective decisions and the governing body is answerable to parents and the community.

The responsibilities of the governing body can be summarised as providing strategic management, acting as a critical friend and ensuring accountability. Specific responsibilities include:

- Promoting high standards of education and achievement
- Planning the school's long-term future
- Setting the school's aims and values
- Appointing senior staff including the Head Teacher
- Budgetary allocation and control

Key changes for the school over the next few years include further building work to the school, setting up the children's centre, and a complete overhaul of the national curriculum. Your involvement could contribute to these exciting changes.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor but unsure of what it entails, please speak to one of our current parent governors, or to me. Some further information about being a governor was printed in Newsletter 18/09, available in the archive section of newsletters on our website (2009).

You can also visit Croydon's own governor website by going to www.atwood.eu/governor or the national governor support site at www.governornet.co.uk

When you are ready to apply, you will need to complete a form* and provide a short statement that will be used and shared with parents. Hand the form* to the office by Friday 5th February.

* A form is available to download from the 'newsletters' section on our website or our office can provide you with a copy. However, even more easily,

you may complete the form on-line at www.atwood.eu/governorelection

Year 2 Food for Life Event

As part of the requirement for all children to take part in 12 hours of cooking a year, our Y2 children prepared and served a three-course meal for their parents and families on Wednesday. The level of support from parents was tremendous, and the children enjoyed the experience and gained a great deal from it.



(More photos on the website)

Ofsted's Chief Inspector

Representing our school, I was delighted to attend a celebration in London on Thursday with all the other head teachers of 'outstanding' schools. Atwood is one of six Croydon schools to be listed as Outstanding providers in Ofsted's Annual Report 2008/9 now available on their website. Here is the official picture of the Croydon heads with Christine Gilbert (centre).

