Wednesday 3rd February

Dear Parent/ Carer

What a great first half of the academic year it has been. I just wanted to give you an update on how the Nursery School is moving forward and what the governors have been concentrating on. We have been in to visit the school on celebration days and talked to many of the parents who were in. We have found these very useful in helping us understand how parents view the Nursery and have found that they have helped build relationships between the parents and staff.

There was a good turnout on the Diwali celebration with many parents enjoying themselves, they told me they loved days where parents are allowed to come into sessions with their children. Many of you also told me that you were using Tapestry and found it very useful and would recommend others to use it.

David McNeil has also visited the school to review Osborne’s progress against our health and safety action plan and reviewed our statutory compliance. We have also installed a purpose built den in the play area and will be installing a new open ended climbing apparatus in the garden during the February half term holiday.

Behaviour management by staff at adult led times has also improved immensely which I have seen on my walk around the nursery on my visits. It can be seen that there is better consistency across the nursery and the new behaviour management policy is working tremendously.

We have also carried out the head teacher’s performance management which was done by an external advisor as well as two of our governors in November. Also all staff have received performance management and have been set their own targets which will be reviewed throughout the academic year.

We have been looking at our school attainment and progress data to ensure all children are making good progress. We are confident that the staff are putting in time and commitment to closing the gaps where children are behind. The staff are continuing to close the gap between the boys and girls to ensure boys make as much progress and attain at similar levels to girls in all areas of the curriculum.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work so far this year and hope they keep it up in helping us achieve our goals and help the Nursery to continually develop.

Kind Regards

Haleem Majahid

Chair of Governors