

attract Pupil Premium funding, those with Special Educational Needs, those who speak English as an additional language, and they have explored anomalies between boys and girls.

Led by Mrs Chamberlain, the School Effectiveness Committee distributes questionnaires to different groups of stakeholders, and then analyses results and provides feedback. Sometimes they have held extraordinary meetings for this purpose. This year the committee has canvassed opinion from staff and from parents of children in Years 2 and 6; issues have been addressed, such as the deployment of staff including higher level teaching assistants, teaching assistants and cover supervisors, and direct action has been taken as a result.



Management of Resources

As you will no doubt be aware from the media, pressure on school budgets is greater than ever, and Roydon Primary School is by no means immune to this. The Resources Committee monitors the school's finances at least four times each year to ensure the best value for money is being obtained, and the long-term viability of the school is secured. Staffing ratios remain very high, with all morning lessons supported by at least one teaching assistant, and teachers are also supported by four higher level teaching assistants.

Teaching and learning are well-resourced, and careful financial management ensures that Roydon stays ahead of the game when it comes to technology. iPads, laptops, PCs and software are renewed and updated on a rolling programme so that children are receiving an education that is highly relevant in this digital age. However, we do make sure that we also buy enough pencils so that children learn how to write!



Roydon Primary School is a building of many ages, and we are well-prepared as we move into a new phase of our development with the construction of eight new classrooms, a new hall, a new kitchen suite, a new office suite and various other learning spaces. It is an exciting time, but staff and Governors understand that the education of the children at Roydon Primary School is THE priority and we have been working hard to ensure that our high standards of teaching and learning will not drop when the building begins.

Governing Body

It was a year ago that Sarah Portway took over from Nigel Huddleston as Chair of the Governing Body. Having decided to take more of a backseat as Vice-Chair, Nigel subsequently left as his work commitments became too great. In March Sarah became the Local Authority-appointed governor, allowing for Maria Chamberlain to become a Co-opted governor.



As a result of the Parent Governor elections we were sorry to lose Simon Hurst who had served on the Governing Body for many years and we thank him for all he has done to support the school. Sarah Brownsword and Sharon Moore have now joined us and we look forward to working with them and to them sharing their knowledge and expertise with us.