

Dear parents/carers,

At our first main Governors' meeting in September, we were proud to have been re-elected as Co-Chairs of the Governor Board of Howitt Primary Community School as we both remain very dedicated to the school and its community. Joe Harvey, one of our parent governors, has been re-elected as vice chair. All our governors are very committed and devoted to the school, all working hard to keep up to date with current education issues and safeguarding requirements. Our governors' action plan includes a rigorous and systematic approach to relevant training and professional development.

Children and staff returned to school in September full of enthusiasm and happy to be back with their friends. We continue to be highly committed to ensuring the good mental health of staff and children and we are proud of our strong support network within school and within the Embark Trust.

Our annual school vision meeting took place in September and was supported by the CEO of Embark, Matt Crawford. He was impressed with the achievements since the previous vision meeting and with the standard of contributions from children, staff and governors. The vision can be seen in detail on the school website <http://www.howittprimary.org.uk> and on display in school. Howitt Primary children continue to be 'ACE' (Achieving, Caring, Enjoying) and this is patently obvious when we visit the school and see your children achieving, caring and enjoying their learning. We are always delighted by the warm welcome that we are given by your children and how polite and confident they are when they meet us. We are not alone in this view as other visitors to the school report back to us on the exemplary behaviours and excellent learning attitudes of your children.

We continue to ensure that our school provides a high quality education for all, delivering a rich and ambitious curriculum that meets the needs of all children. We frequently visit school to chat to the children and look at the work in their books and the work on the displays. We also love to attend special events that involve the children, such as, the Year 6's outstanding performance of The Jungle Book and, more recently, the Year 5 Harvest celebration and breakfast. Events like these are ideal opportunities for us to meet the families of children taking part.

Our school continues to make excellent use of our own Forest Schools provision and it is being developed further so that it integrates with our curriculum. This provision, alongside the many extra-curricular opportunities offered through the Embark Trust, ensure that your children are inspired to learn in a wide variety of ways. Your children have also been working towards achieving the Embark Award and a number of them received their award at the recent Embark Awards Presentation ceremony in October 2022. We are looking forward to hearing of more successes with regard to the Embark Award. See the website for further updates:  
<http://www.embarkfederation.com>

If anyone wishes to contact us, we can be contacted via the school office.

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Co-Chairs of Governors