

February 2015

GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

This half term seems to have whizzed past, bringing us up to being halfway through the academic year already.

Reading

The Department for Education (DfE) have recently placed a greater importance on reading and the governors made a decision to make this our focus. This has resulted in one of the governors securing a yurt, a type of tent, for the library. This is due to be officially opened next half term though the children are already using it. The idea is for children to have a quiet area to focus on their reading – and it makes it fun too.

Next half term, leading up to World Book Day on March 5, the governors are holding another open week with the focus on reading again. This is where we come into school to talk to the children, monitor the reading activities and see how reading is promoted throughout the school. There is also a new facility available for families to use at home which allows access to specific online books and can be used as an aid to support learning. The website is <u>www.activelearnprimary.co.uk</u> and it is well worth visiting the site with your children to help with their reading and learning.

The South Site

Ideas and plans for the south site are still continuing. Some people from REAch2 visited it recently to discuss plans and a surveyor is due to come in to start the process of developing it. Shoreham Academy is still using it as mentioned before and the staff are very pleased with the facility.

<u>PTA Quiz</u>

The next PTA quiz is on Thursday 26th February at 8pm at the Romans just opposite the school's main entrance. The prizes that the pub donates are amazing with 1st prize being a Sunday roast for 4. It's all up for grabs so come along and join in the fun.

Have a great half term from all the governors at Eastbrook Primary Academy.