



GOVERNOR NEWS

Summer Term 2017

Governing Body

Aaron Mulligan, Chair of Governors
Rev Barbara Messham, Vice-Chair
Jayne Neveu – Head Teacher
Gill Holyoak - Clerk
Jim Burrows - Foundation
Sue Ross – Local Authority
Angus McKenzie – Parent
Eve Perry – Staff (Teaching)
James Bowers – Co-opted
Chris Davis – Parent
Jenny Street – Associate

We're here to help

Please don't hesitate to talk to us if you have any queries about governorship or wish to speak to us about any aspect of school life – we want to work better together for the good of the children, the staff and the school.

Our details are on the noticeboard in the foyer of the school and on the website.

Dear Parents,

How quickly the time passes, yet here we are at the end of the summer term and so here's the next installment of the Governor Newsletter.

Informing you of the many aspects of what Governors do to support the School. We hope you find it informative, and we always welcome feedback!

Governing Body Changes

Mr Max Baldwin has stepped down as a Parent Governor, after being involved for many years. Max has contributed hugely to the development of the School, chairing the Finance Committee and being instrumental in bringing the Pre-School onsite, and the creation of their own building. Thank you Max.

Jim Burrows, who is a foundation Governor and appointed by the PCC, has agreed to continue in his role. We're very grateful for his willingness to stay involved and for all he contributes.

Read on to find out more...

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

With Mr Baldwin stepping down, we now have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

At the start of next term, we will be seeking a new Governor with the skills and attitude to continue to support the School going forward. More details will follow.

If you feel you are able to give of your time and talents, please consider this worthwhile opportunity.

Children are our focus.
Achievement,
Respect and
Excellence are our aims

GOVERNOR VISITS /ACTIVITIES

An important part of school governance is coming into the school and meeting with subject leaders, doing 'learning walks' or monitoring other aspects of school life. In recent weeks, this has included:

- **Pupil Progress meetings** – We meet with each Class Teacher and the Head Teacher to review how every pupil is progressing at School. We have been able to see the tremendous knowledge and attention to detail that each Teacher has about their class.
- **Reading visits each week** – listening to the children read is an important part of helping children learn to love books and reading.
- **Pupil Premium visit** – this regular meeting ensures the school is using the additional resources it receives to fully benefit the children entitled to the funding.
- **Subject Monitoring** – an opportunity to focus on a specific subject with the member of staff who is the Subject leader, ensuring best practice is being followed across the whole school.
- **Committee Meetings** – these are held regularly to ensure every aspect of the school (Curriculum & Standards, Finance & Premises, Ethos & Personnel) continues to be monitored and the School's strategic goals are met.
- **Parent Forum** – Thanks to everyone who attended the Forum a few weeks ago. These events help to ensure Parents, Staff and Governors get the chance to hear from each other.

Changing Clerk

Over the past year we have had a couple of changes in the Clerk to the Governors. We were so grateful for **Mrs Emma Halford-MacLeod** who stepped in to help on a short term basis. Thank you! **Mrs Gill Holyoak** has now been appointed as the new Clerk, and we're really glad to be working with her.

SATs Performance

An important part of Governance is monitoring the performance of the school in key attainment areas. Recent results show how well the children are performing. Well done everyone!

GOVERNOR & STAFF LUNCH

Several Governors were recently able to come into the School to enjoy lunch with the Staff. It was great to spend time with such a brilliant team who are working so hard. We'd like to say a big "thank you" to all the staff for all they do that enables each of the children to thrive at the School.

We wish them an enjoyable and well-earned Summer break!

(Thanks to Barbara for organising the lunch!)

Finally...

We say 'Cheerio' to our Year 6 pupils. Once again, they have been a credit to themselves and the school as they have matured year on year. They recently sang in the Tewkesbury Cathedral (as part of the *Leaver's Service* for this District) and gave a brilliant performance.

Good luck at your next School.

To all Parents and the rest of the children – thank you for all your hard work this year, have a great Summer and we look forward to seeing you again in the Autumn.

The Governors