

Governors' Newsletter



St. John the Baptist

Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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Update from Governing Body Meeting held 28.06.16 from Ann Roberts, Chair of Governors

PTA Summer Fair

The Governors would like to thank the PTA for their hard work in organizing another happy and successful fair. Generous donations from the PTA this year have updated our Maths resources to allow children to have more practical activities which greatly enhances learning.

Budget for Staffing

This year we increased the number of teachers in the Infants to offer a better pupil teacher ratio in order to raise standards. This has been very effective this year. The Year 2 teacher was a temporary contract for Mrs Jinks and from September she will focus totally on her role of Special Needs Coordinator. We recognise that 'team teaching' the Infants has been very successful and Mrs De Pietro is advertising for a temporary teacher to work in the Infants for another year.

Children's Progress

The school improvement plan this year has focused on raising children's attainment. Teachers update data every 6 weeks to show the progress children have made. Governors use this data to check that all children are making progress. This year Governors have seen a great improvement in the way the school identifies and quickly offers more help to children who are not making sufficient progress. To further raise standards Governors are now focusing on ensuring there is sufficient challenge for children to reach the highest standards, particularly ones who find learning easy.

Monitoring

Governors have visited school to look at work in children's books and have seen that all teachers are using the improved marking policy which allows children to have feedback on their work. Governors have also enjoyed talking to children about their work. All visitors to school comment on our lovely children and their outstanding behaviour.

Parent Governor

The vacancy for a parent Governor will be re advertised in September.

Governing Body

Mrs Ann Roberts	Foundation Governor Chair	Mrs Karen De Pietro	Headteacher
Mr Dave Holmes	Parent Governor Vice Chair	Revd Gay Ellis	Foundation- Ex Officio
Mr John Watts	Authority Governor	Mrs Vanessa Clandfield	Foundation Governor
Mrs Janet Penfold	Foundation Governor	Mrs Linda Holder	Foundation Governor
Mrs Alicia Watkins	Staff Governor	Mrs. Glynis Haigh	Clerk to Governing Body
Mr Rupert Thomas	Foundation Governor Chair of Curriculum		
Mr James Tucker	Foundation Governor Chair of Finance, Personnel & Premises		
Vacancy	Parent Governor		

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to wish everyone a lovely Summer holiday.

Best Wishes,

Ann Roberts