

Governors' Newsletter



St. John the Baptist

Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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Update from Governing Board Meeting held 17.11.16 from Ann Roberts, Chair of Governors

Parent Governor

We have been delighted to welcome Adam Clayman to our meetings. Adam lives in Pebmarsh and has a child in Y2. Our new parent Governor has hit the ground running; Adam has already attended 3 meetings and is signing up for induction training!

Recent meetings

Finance Committee has been overseeing the budget and Curriculum Committee has been monitoring the progress of children. A panel of Governors and representatives from County and the Diocese was very impressed with the professional presentations by Mrs. Stringer and Mrs. Jinks to update us on strategies our teachers use to raise pupils' attainment. The school improvement plan now has a focus on raising challenge for all pupils. At home please ask your child 'Have you challenged yourself today? Tell me how'.

Attendance

All governing boards are being informed that research shows that children who miss a lot of school or are often late do not get the highest grades. Governors are pleased to announce that our attendance last year was very good and higher than our target of 97%. Mrs DePietro reminded Governors that she must register holidays taken on school days as 'unauthorised absence'.

Uniform

Mrs. DePietro reported that children's uniform looks much smarter this term. Governors reviewed the uniform guidelines and they remain unchanged: white shirt, dark blue sweat shirt/cardigan with grey trousers/skirt. (The blue polo shirts are only for school sporting events and provided by the school when needed.). Mrs DePietro hopes that by September 2017 everyone will be wearing correct uniform.

Preparation for Ofsted

Our school is due an Ofsted inspection soon. Governors will meet the inspector to present evidence of the improvements made last year which have enhanced the quality of teaching and learning. We are proud that our results at 2016 SATs were higher than previous years and pupils in all classes made great progress last year. We know from positive responses to the parents' questionnaire that parents are very happy. Please can you also update your comments to Ofsted on Parent View <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> or on the school website. Parent comments need updating every year.

Best wishes, Ann

Governing Board

Mrs Ann Roberts-Foundation Governor - Chair

Mr Dave Holmes- Parent Governor-Vice Chair

Mr Adam Clayman - Parent Governor

Mr John Watts- Authority Governor

Mrs Janet Penfold-Foundation Governor

Mr Rupert Thomas-Foundation Governor -Chair of Curriculum

Mr James Tucker-Foundation Governor - Chair of Finance, Personnel & Premises

Mrs Karen De Pietro – Headteacher- Ex Officio

Revd Gay Ellis-Foundation Governor- Ex Officio

Mrs Alicia Watkins -Staff Governor

Mrs Vanessa Clandfield-Foundation Governor

Mrs Linda Holder - Foundation Governor

Mrs Glynis Haigh- Clerk to Governing Body

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