

# Governors' Newsletter

St. John the Baptist

Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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## Update from Governing Board Meeting held 11.09.17 from John Watts, Chair of Governors.

We welcome you all back after the summer break.

The first meeting of the school year was to reassign the roles and responsibilities of governors.

After many challenging and rewarding years as Chair of Governors, Mrs. Ann Roberts has decided to step down from her role as Chair of Governors but has agreed to continue as a governor. We thank her for all the hard work she has done for this school, which included the tasks of appointing a new Headteacher, embracing the revised National Curriculum and test structure, and preparing the school for successful OFSTED and SIAMS inspections.

At the first Governing Body meeting this year I was elected as the new Chair of Governors. I have 29 years experience in teaching (15 as a headteacher) and was a visiting tutor for teacher training for almost 10 years. I have been associated with the school for over 6 years and am the Grandfather of a child at the school. I will work with governors and staff to continue the effective development of the school. Mr. Dave Holmes will continue his excellent support as Vice Chairman.

### **Excellent SATs results**

Governors congratulated Mrs De Pietro, staff and pupils for the excellent KS2 SATs results which are well above national average in all subjects. The results will be available on the school website soon. [school.pebmarsh.com](http://school.pebmarsh.com)

### **Headteacher's report**

Governors were updated by Mrs. De Pietro. The School Improvement Plan for this year will focus on actions identified from the OFSTED inspection such as: more challenge for the more able, robust assessment for Foundation subjects (History, Geography etc.) and further raising standards in grammar, punctuation & spelling.

Staffing structure will remain the same this academic year. The school is fortunate to have very experienced teachers and learning support assistants who were all praised by OFSTED for their supportive team work and high standards.

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## **Promoting the School**

Governors continue to discuss ways to promote our school to prospective parents and the wider community. Our new posters are now in local estate agents, village halls, nurseries etc. Please ask if you would like to take more. The school regularly features in the local press for the exciting lives our pupils lead. We shall also be promoting the school via Facebook, with posts that you can share with friends. Look out for these in the near future.

## **Monitoring visits by governors**

Visits to school by governors this term include Information Technology, Early Years/Foundation Stage and English.

## **Best wishes**

**John Watts.**

**Governing Board**

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Mr. John Watts- Authority Governor

Mrs. Karen De Pietro – Headteacher –Ex Officio

Mr. Dave Holmes- Parent Governor-Vice Chair

Revd. Gay Ellis-Foundation Governor- Ex Officio

Mr. Adam Clayman - Parent Governor

Mrs. Vanessa Clandfield-Foundation Governor

Mrs. Ann Roberts- Foundation Governor

Mrs. Janet Penfold-Foundation Governor

Mrs. Linda Holder - Foundation Governor

Mr. Rupert Thomas-Foundation Governor -Chair of Curriculum

Mrs. Glynis Haigh- Clerk to Governing Body

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

Mrs. Alicia Watkins –Staff Governor

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