

# Governors' Newsletter



## St. John the Baptist

Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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### Update from Governing Board Meeting held 07.03.17 from Ann Roberts, Chair of Governors

#### **SIAMS inspection**

Governors were delighted to congratulate Mrs De Pietro, staff and pupils for a good report in the recent SIAMS inspection. This is like an Ofsted inspection for church schools. The full report, on the school website, is a well-deserved tribute to the improvements Mrs De Pietro has made since her arrival.

#### **Recent meetings**

Governors were updated by Mrs De Pietro about staff training, curriculum action plans and better use of computers which are all part of our annual school improvement plan. Mrs De Pietro also reported on the predicted targets for pupil attainment and the provision for pupils who need extra help. The finance committee is in the process of setting the school budget for the new financial year working closely with finance officers from County. The curriculum committee had feedback from a staff survey and is now finding ways to act on some of their suggestions.

#### **Facebook page**

Governors discussed ways to promote our school to prospective parents and the wider community. Don't forget to visit our website – [school.pebmarsh.com](http://school.pebmarsh.com) and like our Facebook page – search for St John the Baptist CEVA Primary Pebmarsh. Over the coming weeks we'll be publishing lots of school news which we encourage you to share.

#### **Monitoring visits by governors**

Visits to school by governors have recently focussed on high quality work by pupils in writing, maths, Christian values and sports. Others reported on provision for more able students. I enjoyed meeting pupils who enthusiastically explained the system of individual targets that they are achieving in English and Maths.

#### **Fund raising**

At a time when schools are feeling the pinch governors would like to thank everyone who enthusiastically supports school fundraising such as the very successful sponsored spell and PTA events. This extra money ensures that our children can continue to enjoy and learn from activities beyond the core subjects, such as pond dipping.

#### **Children's progress**

Every half term teachers assess pupils and report to governors so that we can see that all pupils are making sufficient progress. The names are removed so pupils remain anonymous. Governors are tracking 'more able' pupils to ensure they continue to be appropriately challenged and able to achieve high standards at SATs. Teachers will be able to share your child's data at parents' evening.

#### **Keeping our children safe**

Every governors' meeting has 'Safeguarding' on the agenda with an update from Mrs De Pietro. Mrs Clandfield, Safeguarding governor, has met staff to check that everyone is clear about ways to keep children safe in school.

#### **Best wishes, Ann**

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

#### Governing Board

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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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