

Governors' Newsletter

St. John the Baptist Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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From John Watts, Chair of Governors

It's been a busy year for the Governing Board, here's a quick summary, full details of which can be found on the school website – school.pebmarsh.com.

Consolidating Progress

This year has been spent consolidating progress made since our 'GOOD' Ofsted result in March 2017. Progress by pupils was monitored by Governors in discussion with staff with scrutiny of children's work and in accordance with the School Improvement Plan. Focus areas for governor monitoring were challenge for the more able, EYFS, subject leadership and behaviour for learning. A new Governing Board action plan has now been produced in consultation with Mrs De Pietro.

Supporting activities

The Governors have supported activities within the general ethos of the school such as drama productions, sports activities, school assemblies, sports days and fundraising events.

Safeguarding

Every governors' meeting has Safeguarding on the agenda with an update from Mrs De Pietro and Mrs Clandfield, Safeguarding Governor, who met staff to check that everyone is clear about ways to keep children safe in school. In Mrs DP's absence, Mrs Stringer is the designated safeguarding lead.

Complaints Policy

The Governing Board would like to remind parents of the appropriate procedure for addressing complaints which is available in full on the school website. The procedure is to speak to the child's class teacher in the first instance at an appropriate time, or contact the school office to arrange an appointment to discuss your complaint with whoever you wish. Compliments are also welcome too!

Governing Board changes

This term we said goodbye to James Tucker and Ann Roberts, and we thank them for their contribution to the Governing Board. This means we do have vacancies and more information will follow in the Autumn Term. If you are interested in finding out more, please do get in touch via the school office. We also said goodbye to our Clerk, Mrs Glynis Haigh, who is retiring from Governing Board duties. A new, experienced clerk has been appointed.

Support for Staff

Last but not least, the Governing Board recognise the tremendous commitment that Mrs Stringer as Deputy Head, and the rest of the staff have given to the school during Mrs DP's extended absence. Their commitment to our school, to step up to the challenge and their ability to keep the school running smoothly is to be commended. We also wish Mrs DP well in her recovery and look forward to welcoming her back to school when she is well.

Best wishes, John

Governing Board

Mrs John Watts-Authority Governor - Chair

Mr Dave Holmes - Parent Governor-Vice Chair and Chair of Finance, Personnel & Premises

Revd Gay Ellis-Foundation Governor- Ex Officio

Mrs Alicia Watkins -Staff Governor

Mrs Janet Penfold-Foundation Governor

Mr Rupert Thomas-Foundation Governor -Chair of Curriculum

Mrs Karen De Pietro – Headteacher- Ex Officio

Mr Adam Clayman - Parent Governor

Mrs Vanessa Clandfield-Foundation Governor

Mrs Helen Grover - Foundation Governor

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