



Governor News

October 2017 Issue

Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic first half of the Autumn term the children have had! They have all settled back into their learning quickly and enthusiastically with the help of our wonderful team of staff. May I extend a very warm welcome to our new staff members on behalf of the Governing Body : Head Teacher Mrs Jude Williams, Class 2 Teacher, Mr Joy and Class 3 Teacher, Mr Lewry as well as Peter Hambling who has joined the Governing Body as a Foundation Governor. We would also like to welcome our new 'starters' into the Reception class along with their parents and carers.

As Chair of Governors, I am committed to ensuring high levels of communication with all parents and carers. With this in mind, I will produce a half-termly Governor Newsletter so that you are all kept up to date with the governance of our school. May I also say that you will see me most days at school, dropping off and picking up my children, so please do stop and say 'hello' as I am always keen to hear your views and experiences as these help to inform our decisions and direction as a governing body at St Peters.

Over the summer and since the school reopened at the start of the Autumn term, myself and the Governors have been busy ensuring that our Governance structure is robust and fit for purpose, in order to support our new Head Teacher, Mrs Williams and the rest of her staff, in improving educational standards for our children. This has resulted in carrying out a full review of our governance and has enabled us to ensure that all our policies, structures and skill sets are up to date and are at the highest standard. The Governing Body have also been busy strategically planning and goal setting for the coming year and our expectations for teaching and learning at St Peters are outstanding.

St Peters is a fabulous, warm and caring village school and we as governors, along with the teaching staff want to make it even better. With a new HeadTeacher, strategic reviews of our Governing Body and teaching and learning systems, we are now on our exciting journeytowards excellence !

If you would like to know more about the Governing Body at St Peters, please do have a look at the Governor section of our website or have a chat with Governors when you meet them at school.

At St Peter's the Governing Body is made up of a total of 12 Governors, 7 Foundation Governors, 2 Staff Governors, 1 Local Authority Governor and 2 Parent Governors. The following are our board members :

Shirley Sowray	Foundation Governor	Chair of Governors	Communication Link Governor
Laura Wise	Foundation Governor	Vice Chair (joint)	Numeracy Link Governor
Virginia Arrowsmith	Parent Governor	Vice Chair (joint)	Literacy Link Governor
Michelle Brickstock	Parent Governor		Early Years Link Governor

Jude Williams	Staff Governor	Head Teacher
Sarah Anderson	Staff Governor	Maternity Leave until June 2018
David Whapples	Foundation Governor	IT and Finance Link Governor
Tom Spilman	Local Authority Governor	Pupil Premium + Sports Premium Link Governor
Simon Quartermaine	Foundation Governor	Safeguarding + Health and Safety Link Governor
Carmel Gittens	Foundation Governor	RE + PHSE + SRE Link Governor
Lucy Elliston	Foundation Governor	SEND Link Governor
Pete Hambling	Foundation Governor	Science + Finance Link Governor

Priorities for the Governing Body for Autumn and Spring Terms

- Stabilisation of the school, along side the development of positive relationships with the new Head Teacher, in order to rapidly raise standards
- Safeguarding is securely at a high level
- Improving pupil progress and outcomes, contributing positively to the sustainability of the school
- Reviewing, evaluating and planning our Pre School provision.

Things to Celebrate !

The safe arrival of Jessica Anderson. Congratulations to Mrs Anderson and her family.

The safe arrival of baby Lewry. Congratulations to the Lewry family.

Yr 5 and 6 came second ! in the Tag Rugby Tournament at Boroughbridge high School this week

Head Teacher Commissioning Service is being held on Friday 20th October at 3pm at St Peters Church

School Open day is planned for Wednesday 8th November at 9.30am + 6pm....spread the word !

The re-starting of St Peters Film Club.....the children are very excited !

Behaviour awards this term are rocketing after the introduction of the new positive behaviour reward system. Bronze and silver certificates are being awarded to several children....we are now waiting for the golds !

Shirley Sowray
Chair of Governors

