



# Governors' Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2019



Welcome to our Governors' Newsletter, which aims to update you on what the Governing Body has been involved with this term.

The role of the Governing body is to support the school at a strategic level. Governors come from a range of backgrounds and bring a variety of skills and expertise to the school. These include finance, health and safety, well-being, Special Educational Needs and Inclusion. There are a number of parent governors who ensure that parental views contribute to the school plans. Each Governor is allocated a particular responsibility in line with the school's priorities.

We meet together every half term to discuss many aspects of school life and to review the school's development plan and explore current data. In addition, the Headteacher also reports regularly on events, visits and actions via governor briefings.

Governors also get to know how the school is doing by making regular visits to the school and talking with staff, pupils, parents and other stakeholders:

The Chair of Governors meets regularly with the Headteacher throughout the year to offer both challenge and support in equal measure.

Other Governors undertake additional support and monitoring visits linked to their areas of responsibility. A number of visits have taken place this term:

Mrs Holter met with the Deputy Headteacher to discuss how Pupil Premium money was spent in the last academic year and to review the impact of this funding on pupil progress. The plans for the current academic year were also discussed, including how the school will monitor the use of funding and ensure this is used effectively to improve pupil outcomes.

A Health and Safety audit was carried out by Mr Burchell, who walked through the school with the premises manager Mrs Morgan before making his recommendations.

Mr Milsom met with the school business manager to discuss the school's finances and look at data.

Rev Frank has led school assemblies and also welcomed some pupils to his Church.

In addition, we had a successful Governors Day this term focusing on reading which is one of the school's priorities. We had a great day listening to children read and talking to them about what they like to read both in school and at home. We met with children from Y1 – Y6 who were very enthusiastic and positive about their reading. Because we talked with children in different year groups we could see very clearly how the children's reading approaches progressed as they go through the school. We also looked at the reading environments around the school and we would like to thank the PTA for the funding of some fantastic new books.

Because it is Christmas, there have been a lot of events going on at the school and all the governors have been able to attend at least some of them. We hope that all our parents and carers have had a chance to come into school and enjoy some of the very Christmassy performances and get into the spirit of the season.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and New Year and all the very best for 2020.

The Governors