



Bishops Cannings
Primary School

JULY 2022

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

'Every Child, Every Day, To Learn, To Love, To Laugh, To Pray.'

'Love is what holds everything together in perfect unity.' Colossians 3:14

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday
21st July 2022
Last day of Term 6 &
Leavers Service at
St Mary's church
1:15 pm

Friday
22nd July 2022
TD Day
No pupil attendance

Thursday
1st September 2022
First day of Term 1

Thursday
20th October 2022
Last Day of Term 1

Monday
31st October 2022
First day of Term 2

Friday
17th December 2022
Last Day of Term 2

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to our summer term newsletter. I hope it will give you a snapshot of the work undertaken by the Governing Body so far this year.

World events in Ukraine have dominated the news since February and recently Governors met to discuss the admission of two Ukrainian pupils being hosted by one of our school families. The warmth and compassion shown by our school community to our new arrivals has been a joy to behold and is a true reflection of our Christian values we hold so dear.

We continue to support Miss Vardy and the senior leadership team with the strategic running of the school and this academic year we have been preparing for a potential Ofsted inspection. We have been delighted to be able to return to school to undertake learning walks and face to face meetings with staff and pupils. Training is also key in supporting governors' development and knowledge of the Ofsted process and we are undertaking a regular programme of training provided by Equa and other external sources.

We thank you for your support and wish you all a happy and relaxing summer.

Caroline Martin, Chair of Governors

SAFEGUARDING

During the year our Link Governor for Safeguarding has met with Miss Vardy a number of times to make sure that all staff have received up to date training on Child Protection and Safeguarding. Specifically, this term the paper and electronic systems at school were reviewed to ensure that every member of staff working with the children had completed the required level of safety checks. The school's annual Safeguarding audit was also completed for Wiltshire Council and Governors completed Prevent and Cyber Security training.

RESOURCES

Our Resources committee has been driving through the EYFS new build project and we are pleased to announce that after many setbacks Modulek will now be starting work on site in the autumn with a schedule to complete our new build and handover at the end of the Christmas term. Health and Safety work has been undertaken this year with a full Fire Risk Assessment and staff training carried out. Our CIF bid to refurbish the toilets was also successful and an IT upgrade will provide new laptops and iPads for staff and pupils for the Autumn term.

STANDARDS

Our Standards committee's focus has been on monitoring teaching and learning in preparation for Ofsted. We have been meeting with subject leaders to discuss curriculum intent, impact and implementation across the school and undertaking "Deep Dives" into subjects eg. History, Maths, Science, Literacy and Art. We have also monitored assessment, pupil premium, SEND and the Wellbeing of staff and pupils and will continue to ensure every child has the opportunity to flourish at school. Reading is a priority and we are delighted to see the energy, enthusiasm and creativity from staff, pupils and parents through the whole school Reading Tree Challenge.

VISION & VALUES

The Vision & Values committee has been working diligently this year, with RE Lead Mrs. Wallace, to provide meaningful spiritual opportunities for all pupils. At a recent school assembly, the committee recognised several pupils that earned a 'Worship Works Award'. These pupils demonstrated a greater understanding of their own and other's spirituality, along with becoming a confident leader in collective worship. If your child is interested in joining this programme, please contact Mrs. Wallace.

Our school also attended and played an important role in the Salisbury Diocese Church and School Leaders Conference at the Salisbury Guildhall last month which was attended by governors and pupils.

MEET THE GOVERNORS

Introducing the Local Governing Board

Governor	Committee
Caroline Martin	Chair of LGB / SEND / Pupil Premium & Disadvantage
Diane Gomm	Vision & Values <i>Foundation Diocesan Board of Education Appointed (SDBE)</i>
Jenny Clark	Vision & Values <i>Foundation Diocesan Board of Education Appointed (SDBE)</i>
Gretchen Samuelson	Vision & Values <i>Foundation Diocesan Board of Education Appointed (SDBE)</i>
Rev'd Gerry Lynch	Vision & Values <i>Foundation Diocesan Board of Education Appointed (SDBE)</i>
Sarah Cornish	Safeguarding / Vice Chair of LGB <i>Parent Governor</i>
Charlotte Hicks	Resources <i>Parent Governor</i>
Matt Thomas	Staff Local Governor
Catherine Vardy	Headteacher
Sarah Bowler	Clerk to LGB
Christopher Branford White	Link Trustee



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GOVERNOR Q&A

Questions for governors

Q. What do you think differentiates Bishops Cannings school from other schools?



Charlotte Hicks
Parent Governor

The values at Bishops Cannings School are important to our whole family and date back to when my husband attended the school himself over 30 years ago!! These values include a community minded approach to ensuring all of the pupils at Bishops Cannings have a safe environment to become who they are, learn and reach their full potential.

These values are adopted by the pupils, staff, parents, guardians, governors, and the whole community which in my opinion differentiates us from other schools. Never a truer word spoken when it says it takes a village to raise a child.