



Bishops Cannings
Primary School

MAY 2023

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

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday

09.06.2023

Y6 Pilgrimage Walk

Saturday

24.06.2023

Summer Fair & Dash
12 – 4 pm

Mon-Fri

26-30.06.2023

Love in Action Week

Friday

21.07.2023

Last day of term &
Leavers Service
1:15 pm

Mon-Tues

24-25.07.2023

TD Days
No pupil attendance

Welcome to our Governor Newsletter. It has been another busy term with lots of activities both on site and off and I am sure you are all looking forward to the Spring Bank Holiday. What a difference a bit of sunshine makes!

It has been wonderful to see our Pre School children and staff enjoying their new setting. Back in the Easter holiday work was carried out to demolish the old pre - school mobile. Sad as it was to see it come down - plans are now underway to redesign this area using natural materials and locally sourced and hand-crafted features for the whole school to enjoy.

We are also starting an exciting project with Greenhouse School Websites who have built and managed over 2000 school websites (including the new sites for Rushall Primary and Lavington). Greenhouse are passionate about designing content that looks good, is easy to use and is as accessible as possible. So we look forward to working with them to create a new website for our school.

Looking ahead, there are some exciting experiences coming up for all year groups in Term 6 and on behalf of the LGB thank you all for your continued support for our school.

Caroline Martin, Chair of Governors

SAFEGUARDING

The school and governors are currently focussing on Online Safety within the school. Our current school website has information for parents about online resources to support parents with aspects of keeping children safe online and this will be further enhanced with the introduction of our new website.

Online Safety is a core part of our school's computing and PHSE curriculum and children are regularly taught how to stay safe online. For parents, you will see in forthcoming school newsletters guidance and information on helping children to stay safe online. In addition to this, year 5 and 6 class newsletters will now contain information about online safety with helpful resources for parents.

RESOURCES

As well as seeing the EYFS extension through to completion our Resources committee has been busy finalising the school budget. Health and Safety work has been undertaken this term with new perimeter fencing installed and new access gates for the staff car park. A new SIF bid to upgrade our Fire Alarm system in the main building has been submitted and a 3-year IT strategy has been agreed.

STANDARDS

Our Standards committee's focus continues to be on monitoring teaching and learning in preparation for Ofsted. We continue to meet with subject leaders to discuss our school's curriculum intent, impact and implementation and this year have undertaken "Deep Dives" into Computing, Music, Literacy, PHSE, Science & Maths. We have also monitored attendance, pupil premium, SEND and the Wellbeing of staff and pupils and will continue to ensure we have high aspirations for all pupils so every child has the opportunity to flourish whilst at school. Reading continues to be a priority and it has been wonderful to see so many pupils and parents sharing their genuine love of Reading during our recent whole school Reading sessions.

VISION & VALUES

The Vision & Values committee has been working alongside our inspirational RE Lead, Mrs. Wallace, to provide meaningful spiritual opportunities for all pupils at Bishops Cannings. Exciting projects have included a return visit from the very popular iSing Pop team, our Songs of Praise sessions at St Mary's church and next term our Love in Action Week which takes place at the end of June.

Our Worship Leaders continue to flourish and some of our KS2 Scratch Choir pupils attended the Easter Sunday Service at St Mary's church to sing alongside the church choir.

Watch this space for details next term of an exciting community mural project which will showcase our school's Christian values and will see all pupils work together with a local artist and members of our local community.

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>
Jamie Holmes	Standards/Safeguarding <i>Parent Governor</i>
Charlotte Hicks	Resources/Health & Safety <i>Parent Governor</i>
Matt Thomas	<i>Staff Local Governor</i>
Catherine Vardy	<i>Headteacher</i>
Sarah Bowler	<i>Clerk to LGB</i>
Christopher Branford White	<i>Link Trustee</i>



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GOVERNOR UPDATE

Meet our new Parent Governor



Jamie Holmes

Following the recent election ballot we are delighted to announce that **Jamie Holmes** has been duly elected to serve on our Local Governing Board as a Parent Governor.

Jamie is married with two young sons and teaches Science and Biology, as well as Psychology, at Dauntsey's School, West Lavington. He also holds the position of Housemaster of Forbes House (a mixed Lower School Day House of around 80 children aged 11-14 yrs).

"I am looking forward to taking up my role as Parent Governor at Bishops Cannings School. I feel I am approachable, friendly and motivated. My teaching role demands me to be organized, creative, inclusive and patient, whilst my pastoral role requires me to listen, observe and be decisive as well as caring and supportive."

Jamie will serve on the Standards Committee and from September will become Safeguarding Link Governor.