



St Peter's Church of England (VC) Primary School

Governors' Newsletter # 2 to Parents 2017 - 2018

Dear All,

Firstly, we wanted to thank you very much for all your support and commitment to the school over the past year. We have achieved a great deal and enjoyed the growing sense of school community. The Governing Body has continued to monitor the School in all its key areas and we will be refining next year's School Improvement Plan with Mr Holditch. The Governing Body itself has undergone a huge period of change and we have now embedded some of those processes and look forward to strategically supporting the school, its staff and children as professionally as possible.

As volunteers, we were fully aware of the commitment required and the challenges that we would have had to overcome during this year of change. Whilst hard work, we believe that all of us on the Board are highly committed to your school both old and new governors alike. Our intention is to provide only the highest of professional standards through our monitoring and evaluation responsibilities, oversight of school policies, strategic support during the appraisal process and continued personal development of all our staff.

Overall, we are very content with the progress the School is making under the new leadership structure and energised motivation of all the School staff. We intend to provide proactive support to maintain the momentum towards continual improvement. We have completed monitoring and observations against the School's Improvement Plan targets or statutory requirements. There has been an increase to effective communication across school due to the creation of a senior leadership team, restructuring of Governing Body, cross-school monitoring and timely completion of appraisals.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, this drive will continue and hopefully allow the school to enjoy a period of stability and routine operations. The Governing Body has elected, Mrs Helen Tynan as Chair of Governors, and Mrs Sarah Kubitschek as Vice Chair, who will be taking up their posts in September 2018. Thank you to Mrs Debbie Etherington for all the time she has contributed to volunteering with the school, whether as a parent or as a governor over the past 20 years, she will continue in her role as co-opted Governor, advising and supporting the school for the remainder of her term of office. We will now focus on mutually supporting and evaluating the School Improvement Plan in line with our own vision and strategy, whilst maintaining our statutory responsibilities to safeguarding, SEN and inclusion. Further work will be focussed next year on English, Maths and RE curriculums. The Governing Body will continue to strengthen its processes as well as focus on continued professional development, high quality monitoring and triangulation of data. Additionally, efforts will be made on transition, increased community engagement and alternative funding sources.

However, we do understand, that as a community, that there is still a lot of engagement to do on our part. We held our first governor parent forum last term and were delighted to meet the 12 or so families that attended and enjoyed a glass of wine and a chat together. At the forum, general discussions took place regarding some of the operational issues that parents were concerned about. We discussed issues ranging from whole school building projects, frequency of visits to the church, home/school communication and sweets in school. We intend to hold regular forums next year and hope to meet more of you as time progresses.



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We have been proud to help the SPSA hold a very successful Summer Party, join the Year 6 residential visit, judge the School's Xmas Factor competition as well as happily surviving a few near-misses and referee duties during Sports Day. We hope that over time we can continue to improve our professional engagement with you all and if you have any queries whatsoever, do please approach any one of us.

We do have to say goodbye and thank you to the Reverend Jonathan Hall who is moving to the Isle of Wight with his family. We wish him all the very best for the future and are very much appreciative of all his efforts he has made for the School.

Finally, a big thank you to all of the staff at School, whether full time, part time, class based, site based or volunteers. Every single one of you add to the magic and even the smallest effort will make a huge difference to the way in which our children grow and enjoy their childhood years with us.

Thank you.

Your Governors.

Helen Tynan, Sarah Kubitschek, Debbie Etherington, Anna Hrusc, Cheryl Lincoln, Reverend Jonathan Hall, Jane Roberts, Steve Mills, Lynn Keeley, Jim Holditch & Emma Hutchings