

Spring term 2023

# Governor update



January is often a time to reflect, and to look forward - so we wanted to update you on the work we did last term, and plans for this term.

## Autumn term reflections

The autumn term was particularly busy. The Governors worked closely with Mrs Newbold and staff on identifying the school development priorities. These have been incorporated into the 'School Development Plan', which was discussed in the second governor's meeting of the term. We are very grateful to Mrs Newbold for the clarity and depth of this plan.

The key priority within the plan is linked to the Ofsted key action points. The plan provides detail on each identified action and within this the part we as governors play in monitoring. This will be available on the website soon, for everyone to read.

Governors are also allocated specific roles and this often involves us visiting the school, to talk with individual staff and meeting children. This is an enjoyable aspect of our roles and the school is always very welcoming.

## Welcome to three new governors

We're pleased to welcome two new parent governors Adam Rood and Tom Bouet, as well as foundation governor Simon Gale to our team.

We're particularly grateful to Alex Nicholson, as our Chair of Governors, who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the school, its staff, the pupils and governors

## New Headteacher recruitment

A new year is a time for new beginnings and this is particularly true for the governors this term. We have the responsibility of starting the process of recruiting a permanent Headteacher for the school. We have already met with a Senior Education Adviser for the Local Authority, who has guided us on the correct recruitment processes and timescales.

The advert will be placed the first week in January and a candidate pack available for interested candidates. The information shared with candidates reflects not only necessary details about the school but tries to capture the essence and charm of our school.

Shortlisting will take place in early February. We plan to interview after half term and interviews will be over two days. We aim to have a permanent Headteacher in place for September 2023. Governors are mindful of the responsibility they have in appointing a new Headteacher; it is possibly the most important task a governor has.

## A note for Year 6 parents

The governors are aware that Ms Frances, our Year 6 teacher, was originally on a short fixed term contract until the end of the financial year, to cover Mrs Newbold's class.

We now have more certainty about staffing for this year, so we're delighted to confirm that we have been able to extend Ms Frances' contract to the end of the school year. This will provide continuity and stability for the children and also show how we value her role in the school.



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