

Governor Newsletter March 2021

The Governors want to thank all the staff for their devotion to the children's education during the term. It cannot be easy to teach when some children are in school and others at home. We also want to thank parents for helping to teach their children and support them in unusual circumstances; and also to congratulate the children on their learning wherever it took place.

We are grateful to Howard Moore, one of our parent governors, for all the extra support he has given to Mrs Ip and the school staff during the pandemic. Howard is a GP in Morecambe so his expertise has been a great help to our school

Our Governor committee meetings for this term took place in January, with our Full Governing Board meeting at the beginning of February. Mrs Bronwen Osborne completed her second term of office at the end of January and has stepped down from her role. She is planning to continue being involved with the school through the Friends activities. Bronwen was a Foundation Governor and as such appointed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC); they have decided to wait for the appointment of a new vicar before looking for a new Governor. We also have a vacancy for a co-opted governor and Sally Hughes has agreed to join us in this capacity. Sally moved into the area a couple of years ago; she was a PE teacher and has been a governor at a Lancashire school before. She will hopefully begin her term of office after Easter when her safeguarding checks have been completed. This term Edward Huddleston has undertaken online Prevent training (part of our safeguarding training) and Andrew Taylor attended training for Finance, specifically the School Financial Value Standard which is a LCC check list and comparison document to ensure that our budget is well planned and the school provides good value.

Church Community News.

Meetings have been taking place throughout the winter to put together a parish profile for the Benefice of East Lonsdale. With six churches working together to create one profile there has been a lot of discussion, not always easy when meetings are held by zoom, but it has been a positive exercise gathering together all the information about the activities that take place and considering what qualities we are looking for in our new vicar. The children's wish list is being included. The post is listed on the Diocese web site and as soon as the profile is approved by PCC's the next stage of the post being advertised will be put in place.

Since the 8th March Church has reopened for services, and these will be held every three weeks. More information can be found on the new web site at www.goodshepherdthamfells.org.uk

Our church was the first environmental champion in the Blackburn diocese and hopefully there will be more opportunities this summer for the school children to be involved with the environmental work being done in the churchyard.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday.

Helen Wilkinson

