

Governor Newsletter Spring 2024

Governing Body 2023-2024

Our new Governing Body constitution has now been agreed by the Diocese and LCC. This will mean that we have four co-opted governors and two parent governors

Fiona Ip - Head Teacher

Lisa Kay - Teacher

Helen Wilkinson- Foundation (Chair)

Rev Jane Lee - Foundation

Andrew Taylor - Local Authority

Lucy Ray – Parent

Zoe Briggs–Dixon – Parent

John Wilson -Co-opted (Vice-Chair)

Edward Huddleston - Co-opted

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Sally Hughes has resigned from the Governing Body because of other commitments. She is still happy to help with school events and sporting activities, so we are now looking for people in the community with some experience of finance or admin to join our resources committee.

In my last letter we were just about to have an in school training session on OFSTED inspection. We knew that an inspection would happen soon so the training was very useful; increasing our awareness of what aspects of governance the inspectors were likely to ask us about. Edward put together a list of possible questions so we were able to review our documents and ensure that we knew where to find relevant information; we were well prepared when the inspectors did come to school in February.

Recently John, Rev Jane and I attended a course, Youthscape Essentials, at Caton St Pauls. Mrs Entwistle and other members of our Benefice churches were also on the course. It was led by a very enthusiastic youth worker, Rachel Gardner and, although more focused on teenagers than primary school children it was a very interesting day on how to relate to young people and engage them with Bible stories.

In January I joined a Diocese training session on The Distinctive Role of Governors in a Church School. Led by Liz Agbetteh, School Effectiveness Officer; it was a chance to explore how our Church School characteristics impact our leadership.

The Spring Chairs Forum focused on Inclusion; looking at the LCC provision for pupils with Special Education needs. Work is being done to provide more places and extra support for pupils with additional needs.

In March I attended the Chairs Conference; this year held in person at Preston County hall. The theme was 'When the Going gets Tough'. We had a lecture on resilience and managing our own wellbeing, something that is important for us all, governors, staff and families. The afternoon lecture was titled leadership1 Management 0, (the lecturer had a background of football management), we were learning about the role of Governors as leaders rather than managers. Lots of information that we will be discussing in our upcoming meetings to ensure our school has a clear vision for the future.

I hope you have a lovely Easter holiday.
Helen (Chair of Governors)

