

Governors' Newsletter

YOULGRAVE, ALL SAINTS' CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Greetings from the School Governing Board!

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As we approach the summer holidays, welcome to the last School Governor Newsletter for this academic year.

This last half term has been a particularly busy one to say the least! It was a very proud moment when the Ofsted inspectors announced their decision to maintain our school rating as 'good'. This truly excellent result is testament to the really mammoth effort that all the teaching staff, led by Mrs Barker, have all put into lifting the performance of the school to the very visible benefit of our pupils. A huge thank you to all.

Additional congratulations and thanks are due to Miss Tonks, who through her leadership in Sports and PE has again gained a Gold School Games Mark, for a second year running – going for gold again next year too?

On top of that we welcomed our new Head Teacher 'in waiting' Ms Nicholls. It is with more than a little sadness that we wish Mrs Barker all the very best as she leaves us to take on a new challenge in Glossop. On behalf of the Governors, and the school, a genuine heartfelt thank you for all that you have done for the school while you have been with us – we have benefited from your drive and persistence to propel the school forwards. Ms Nicholls has been with us for nearly six weeks already to ensure a full handover and was also part of the Ofsted inspection so knows first hand where we have been encouraged to focus in the next year. Welcome onboard Ms Nicholls!

Governors Update

The Governing board met on the 2nd July. The agenda focused on the detailed Ofsted feedback and while there is much to celebrate it does call out items that will now become part of the School Improvement Plan next year. There are a few school progress records to enhance but the main focus will be on writing and lifting the school's performance across all class groups in this area.

One of the key topics discussed was the staffing model for next year. We have decided to invest in the teaching staff with a total of 4 full time teachers and 5 part-time teachers and teaching assistants. This strong staffing model will ensure we have capacity in the teaching staff to not only deliver pupil lead teaching plans but also give teachers support to complete their preparation and non-teaching duties.



We CARE

Welcoming **Community**
Achievement **Respect**
Encouragement

**Gold Sports Award for
a second year!**

Governor Vacancy

Have you got the time
and the skills we are
looking for? Join us and
make a difference!

Attendance

Let's keep striving for
our goal!

The other key item discussed was the Primary Physical Education and Sports Premium Report. This funding is used to “build capacity and capability to deliver PE and Sports in the current and future years as well as develop or add to the activities already delivered by the school”. This year it has led to more pupils meeting their daily physical activity goals, widened the competition and events school has participated in, enabled after school clubs for archery & golf and given children the opportunity to learn beyond the sports activity itself e.g. looking at sporting conduct, team ethos, personal bests and values (honesty, fair-play and respect). It’s great to see the results of this being recognised with the Gold School Games Mark.

Curriculum Online

The school curriculum can be accessed on the school’s website – please do have a look at the learning plans for the next academic year with the link below:

<https://www.youlgraveallsaints.co.uk/curriculum/>

That is all for this newsletter, as we wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best for their move to Lady Manners or elsewhere. I wish you all a great summer break and school looks forward to welcoming new and returning pupils on Monday 9th of September.

Kind Regards
Mark Shearing

Chair of Governors