

Governors' Newsletter

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Greetings from the School Governing Board!

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I hope this edition of the Governors' Newsletter finds you well and looking forward to an Easter break!

It has been a relatively short term at only 5 week, but school has been busy, as usual.

School Budget

One of the key things that the Governors have been focused on is the school budget. It is very pleasing to be able to say that the school is in a strong financial position and that our budget for the coming year will leave us very well placed for the years ahead, despite the increased costs that we have all seen with regards to our heating and electricity bills! This positive position is aided a little with the September intake currently standing at 11 students – a welcome return to more typical class numbers. Mrs Stafford-Wood and Mr Room (Governor Finance Chair) have worked hard with Mrs Barker to put in place a budget that has been supported and approved by the Local Authority. The budget plans for all the services delivered by the school; from the teaching, teaching support, dinner and school wrap around to school business administration, teaching supplies and the cleaning! In all of these areas we have a budget that we believe will support the school well as it strives to deliver and support our students to be the best that each of them can be. For example, in this budget there will be a significant investment in IT infrastructure (a WiFi and telephony upgrade), in the IT resources (new laptops) and also in the building infrastructure (toilet facilities refurbishment). We hope to be able to detail additional investments when final discussions have completed.

School Attendance

School attendance is one of the most important indicators of success for both pupils and the school. In most cases, good attendance results in success across a range of outcomes, which are key to a child's overall development. With this in mind the School and Governors would like to kindly ask all parents and carers to have their children at school ideally



We CARE

Welcoming Community
Achievement Respect
Encouragement

School Budget

Investments in IT and school facilities

Governor Vacancy

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

Attendance

Timing is everything!

for 8.45am, when the bell rings to go into school, but to please ensure their child(ren) are in the classroom ready for registration to commence at 9am. Thank you.

School Governors

I would like to take a moment in this newsletter to say a huge thank-you to Anne Cooper who has recently come to the end of her term as a governor after supporting the school for 8 years. Anne's contribution, mainly in the financial and budgetary fields but also in many other areas, has always been thorough, thoughtful and added huge value to the topic or task in hand. Her advice and input will be much missed. The good news is that we are in the final stages of appointing her successor and will provide an update shortly.

In closing many of you have kindly asked after Mrs Stelling. Mrs Stelling continues to take a leave of absence and as soon as we are able to share any additional information we will do so immediately.

On behalf of the governors, I wish you a restful break.

Kind Regards
Mark Shearing

Acting Chair of Governors