

Governors' Newsletter

YOULGRAVE, ALL SAINTS' CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Greetings from the School Governing Board!

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As we approach the Autumn half term and Halloween just around the corner, I welcome you, sadly, to a 'trick or treat' free school newsletter!

This last half term has been a busy one, as they all seem to be, welcoming our new Reception Year and new joiners to the school family. I am pleased to say that all seem to be settling in well and very quickly finding their feet. Miss Nicholls has also, now formally joined as our new Interim Head Teacher and has hit the ground running after the extended handover at the end of the last (academic) year. Welcome all!

With the extended inset days at the start of term, the school team were able to get fully prepared for the year ahead – working through the needed actions from the outcome of the Ofsted inspection - there are actions whatever the rating – and these are now integrated into this year's School Improvement Plan.

Our plan this year will build on recent good progress and improve even more the delivery to and education of all pupils, supporting each to achieve progress in an individual way.

In Maths, Reading and Phonics we will aim to enhance understanding and performance through ensuring an even more integrated teaching approach across all year groups; making the most of our supporting resources such as Read Write Inc and Accelerated Reader and our subject leads will be working with the 'Maths Hub' and other Local Authority sources to share our and learn from best practice. We will also be working on Writing and further develop the Curriculum with respect to Science, Music and Art. SEND is a critical element of any school and here our 'Quality First' approach and individual focus will be further honed to ensure unique plans for each student.

Governors Update

The Governors met on the 9th October. At this time in the academic calendar, elections for key posts take place and this year we have chosen to share responsibilities a little wider given the tasks ahead. Rachel Shooter and I will co-chair the board and Lucy Barnwell has agreed to be vice chair. This expanded team will hopefully give us a little more capacity to complete our key goals, amongst which are preparing for the Diocesan SIAMS inspection and assessing opportunities to incorporate the old 'Head Teachers House' into the school estate.



We CARE

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

New school year – New School Improvement Plan

Governor Vacancy

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

Attendance

We are exceeding!

We discussed the continued provision and popular take up of the School's 'wrap around' care. This before and after school support for parents is well attended and many thanks for the positive feedback.

Also discussed was the budget for the coming year which currently remains positive and the board approved a timely investment in the boiler ahead of the coming winter.

One of the key indicators for school is attendance – the national target is 97% and I am very pleased to announce we are currently running at a little over 98% which is really quite excellent; many thanks for your support!

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 break for half term, I wish you all a spook-tacular time and look forward welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 5th November, as Monday 4th is an INSET day.

Kind Regards
Mark Shearing

Chair of Governors