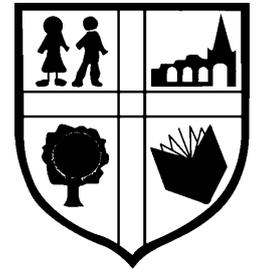


# Governor Newsletter



*BUILDING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER FUTURE*

10th July 2017

St Chad's C.E. Primary School

## Message from Chair of Governors

As always each year brings a variety of issues to deal with and 2016-2017 has been no different from any other. Perhaps the most far reaching item has been the appointment of a new Deputy Head who will take up his post in September. The process of selection was quite lengthy and rigorous but eventually David Ruddle emerged as the successful candidate, as I am sure you already know

We shall be sorry to see Mr Hobson move on as he has been an innovative leader, an excellent support for the Head teacher and an inspirational classroom practitioner during his years at St Chad's. During Governors' meetings he has always demonstrated his clear thinking and original ideas and made a significant contribution to our discussions. I am sure all the Governors would like to join with me in wishing him every success as he takes up his new position as head teacher. Nevertheless as one colleague leaves another takes his place and we are confident that Mr Ruddle will continue in a similar role.

There have been several unfilled Governor vacancies for some time and we are pleased to welcome two new parent Governors to the Board: Zoe Comley and Louise Hunt. I will be meeting with them shortly in order to explain the workings of the governance of the school. I am confident that they will enhance the skills contained within the Governing Board.

Another important role of the Governors is to monitor the safeguarding of the children and to this end Mr Humphries and I recently interviewed a number of children from each of the KS2 year groups, to ensure that they were aware of how to keep themselves safe both at home, at school and also on when on the internet, which can be increasingly dangerous as you are no doubt aware. We are pleased to report that all of the children we spoke to, without exception provided us with really sensible answers to our questions. Whilst we should never be complacent we do feel that children at St Chad's have been provided with the skills which should help them both now and in the years to come.

As the summer break is nearly upon us, I would like to thank the staff at St Chad's for all of their efforts over the past academic year. Although already stretched; preparing, delivering and marking lessons, they always manage to give a little bit extra in order to support the children. My thanks also to the legion of support staff who ensure the school runs efficiently. And finally may I thank yourselves, our parents, who entrust us with the education of your children and support the school so wholeheartedly. On behalf of all the Governors may I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer break. Ian Sharp

## Finance and Staffing

We have had much to do this term as we busily recruited Staff for the next school year. The biggest task has been the recruitment of the new Deputy Head, with the new person having big shoes to fill. The recruitment process involved watching each candidate take an assembly and a class lesson (I stepped back during this part of the recruitment process and left it to the teaching professionals.) Each applicant then had an interview where they also made a short presentation followed by questions from a panel of interviewers. This was a rewarding process as it directly impacted on the school, so once a decision was made it gave a sense of pride that we had achieved something which will benefit the whole school.

Colin Higginson

## Parent Forum

Regrettably there is little to report from the Parent Forum this term. A drop in session was held straight after school, with a crèche run by Ms Durgan. Unfortunately no one turned up. This is sad as it is your time to have an input into your child's education. Mrs Marshall and I will be sending out a questionnaire in the autumn term and would value your opinions and ideas into how our regular evening sessions should develop and encourage more to attend. Dave Humphries

## Religious Education/Assemblies

The school year is nearly at an end and before long those in year six will be moving on. There is special "Leavers' service at Holy Trinity Church on 19th July at 9.00am. It is a time to be happy yet tinged with sadness. As part of the service each child will be presented with a Bible because we believe that through its message everyone can be helped to live a life that will bring joy to themselves and also other people. We give the Bibles in the hope that each child will discover that God will guide them to make the right decisions in their lives. May God bless them. Rev Simon Boxall

## BRITISH VALUES

Individual Liberty

The rule of Law

Democracy

Tolerance

Mutual Respect

## **SCHOOL VALUES**

HONESTY

COMMITMENT

**RESPECT**

EMPATHY

KINDNESS

**BELONGING**

*INDEPENDENCE*

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