

Bubwith School Governors' Termly News

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the school governing body I would like to thank all of you for your support of the school - it is greatly appreciated. Attendance at events such as sports day, summer fair and the year six production is always excellent. Parents have contributed very effectively to the development of the wildlife area which has had a major overhaul. We would also like to congratulate FOBS for their excellent contributions, organising after-school events for pupils and families that are great fun, bring together the school community and raise welcome funds. Two outstanding murals have been created by the Bubwith Arts Movement with the involvement of all classes.

Year six pupils have been a credit to the school and we wish them every success in secondary school. They have achieved very strong SAT results, reflecting their hard work and aptitude and the knowledgeable and focused teaching they have received during their time at Bubwith CPS. Across the school the data shows clear progress over the year by pupils from their individual starting points. We are very proud as governors of the way in which staff ensure that the needs of every child are catered for and their achievements celebrated.

The staff team has been a delight to work with this year. Governors have focused strongly on monitoring the delivery of the new CUSP curriculum and have been impressed by the coherence and consistency of approach across the school, pupils' enthusiasm for learning and their knowledge retention.

Mrs Jefford left at Easter. Many thanks go to Miss Smithson for taking over teaching this term. Miss Shimmels has been appointed for the next academic year after a strong interview process and has already met her new class. It is very pleasing to have a good field of applicants keen to teach at our school.

Two new teaching assistants have also been appointed for September to work with children who have an education health care plan. I am full of admiration for the teaching assistants who have to take on a wide variety of duties, learn about differing and complex special needs and support children in a purposeful, caring and professional manner.

Next term I will hand over the role of chair to Mrs Postlethwaite and Mr Howard who will act as joint chairs. I am sure they will be very effective leaders of our very capable governing body which was praised by the lead Ofsted inspector. Our thanks go to the rev Dave Rogers and Rob Holmes for their contributions to the governing body: we will be seeking volunteers for parent and community governor roles next term.

The governing body has a strategic role that is delivered mainly through three committees: Finance and Personnel, Curriculum and Standards, Health, Safety and Well-Being. I have outlined the key autumn term news from each of these on the next page.

Fran Ward,

Chair of Governors

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Finance and Personnel

- ❖ Employed new caretaker this term
- ❖ Appointment of Miss Shimmels to teach Beech class and two teaching assistants to start in the autumn term
- ❖ All SEND pupils with health and care plans have TA support in place
- ❖ Agreed 2024-25 budget and five-year plan with the local authority accountant, plus all insurances and supported services
- ❖ New roof, improvements to EYFS and KS1 outdoor areas
- ❖ Planned energy efficient lighting upgrade and car park resurfacing

Curriculum and Standards

- ❖ Governors reviewed school data and monitored the new CUSP curriculum, EYFS, Maths and writing: a programme of class visits, pupil interviews, book surveys, teacher interviews and committee meetings
- ❖ Individual governors met with subject leaders, the Special Needs, Pupil Premium and safeguarding leads and supported classes with phonics and reading
- ❖ The full governing body monitored and reviewed the school development plan and received reports from the school's linked local authority school improvement adviser

Health, Safety and Well-Being

- ❖ Reviewed all Health and Safety and First Aid policies
- ❖ Monitored arrangements for scaffolding and roof refurbishment
- ❖ Supported the Big Sing, Little Sing, football club and ECO club
- ❖ Checked all safeguarding documents and monitored school internet use
- ❖ Monitored staff training and fire practice arrangements
- ❖ Promoted further development of the outdoor areas, including improved accessibility