

GOVERNORS' GAZETTE

Autumn Term 2018



Dear Families,



The Governors have had some changes this term.

A previous governor, **Carol Edmans** who was keen to return to the governing board has rejoined us as a Co-opted Governor.

Steve Goddard, also a co-opted governor, resigned due to his need to spend time supporting his wife back to health. To replace him we are fortunate to have appointed another Steve, **Steven Turnbull** who works for the Ministry of Justice.

The new staff governor, to replace Cindylou Taylor Turner is **Anna Sanders**.

We welcome all these new volunteers to the Governing Board and look forward to working with them.

In January we will be asking for nominations for a **new parent governor**. This vacancy has arisen as Giles Bedlowe's work is increasingly preventing him from attending meetings. We are pleased that he does not want to leave completely and that he had agreed to remain as an associate governor for the rest of the year with responsibility for monitoring safeguarding.



What have governors done this term?

We continue to carry out our roles and responsibilities to monitor, challenge and support the school's work. Here's a summary of our work this term:

- We have looked at the projected changes to the budget for the new financial year from April 2018. You will be aware, from national press reports, that things are extremely difficult for schools and we are no exception. Some tough choices may need to be made.
- Monitoring visits to observe H &S, school systems for assessing progress and the range of the curriculum, the school website has all the legal requirements on it, and that it is easily accessible have taken place this term..
- Our biggest work has been working to progress our involvement in a local Co-operative Trust with other local schools. We have attended several meetings and will be sending out details and consultation papers to you all in the new year to see what you feel about the proposals.
- We have been very supportive of the exciting curriculum development of Forest School. The huge benefits of children being outdoors and learning a number of different skills and aptitudes is something

we are proud to promote: confidence, independence, problem solving, co-operation and collaboration to name a few!

- We have also thoroughly enjoyed the lovely Christmas Nativity performances both by EYFS Bears in the school hall and the four KS1 classes in the church. Such fun and we extend our thanks to all the staff and children who worked so well to make these events so charming!

With all best wishes for a merry Christmas and a very happy and peaceful 2018.



Elaine Joyce

Chair of Governors

From Jan 2018

Parent Governors

Aaron Twaits (Finance Lead)

Adam Boshoff (Premises, Health & Safety lead)

Vacancy

Co-opted

Andrew Turner (Progress and Standards Lead)

Carol Edmans (Community/Communications lead)

Steven Turnbull

Elaine Joyce (Chair & Leadership)

Local Authority

Dewi ab Iorwerth (vice Chair & Curriculum Lead)

Staff

Anna Sanders

Associate Governor

Giles Bedloe (Safeguarding Lead)

Headteacher

Victoria Abbott

Clerk to Governors

Pam Langridge

You can always contact governors by leaving a letter at the school office, via an email to the clerk (Pam Langridge) clerk@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk or to the Chair of Governors (Elaine Joyce)

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If you want to know more about the role of the governors, or think you may like to become a governor in the future, you are welcome to attend a governing body meeting as an observer. Please contact Pam Langridge, our clerk, if you wish to do so.