

# Governors' News

Welcome to the second Governors' Newsletter. We aim to bring you topical stories and helpful information each term. We hope that you enjoy reading it and feedback is always welcome.

## *Focus on.. Mrs Fitzgerald's Class Trip to Hooke Court*

On 23 June Mrs Fitzgerald took her class to Hooke Court as part of their topic on Homes and Gardens. She writes, 'We looked at the Tudor house and how it was extended and learned about aspects of life in Tudor times, including the job of the 'turn-spit'. We saw where the grounds were excavated by 'The Time Team' and the children enjoyed looking at the artefacts found, especially the dagger. We then looked at the Saxon house and compared the construction of the two. The children enjoyed trying out the sheepskins that were used as beds and found out how wool was dyed with plants. The children got to grind some wheat with mill stones. We then fed the fish in the pond and had a picnic lunch and a play on the lawn before returning to school.



Here are some of the things the children had to say about their visit: "There was a boar's head on the table in the Tudor house" "They used animal skins for beds in the Saxon house" "There was lots of wheat but we only got a little bit of flour" "I liked feeding the fish"

## *Governing Body Structure*

Within the Governing Body there are three committees which oversee specific areas of responsibility; the School Improvement Committee, Premises and Health & Safety and the Finance Committee. We will be focusing on each to give you an insight into their functions.

### **Finance Committee responsibilities:**

- Approval of Annual School Budget
- Authorisation of the three year financial plan
- Setting financial priorities through the School Development Plan
- Salary of the Head Teacher
- Determination of the pay policy for the school
- Authorisation of non-budgeted expenditure and internal transfer of funds
- Approval of financial regulations and procedures on an annual basis
- To act as a critical friend to the school on all financial matters

If you would like further information about how the Governing Body supports the school, please get in touch.

## *Young Ambassadors*

Young Ambassadors is a Youth Sports Trust programme supporting sports leaders in schools. It teaches values and develops understanding through leadership. At Salway Ash, we have eight Bronze Level Young Ambassadors in Years 5 and 6. Lily and Grace say, "As Young Ambassadors we aim to

- Encourage other children in sport and healthy lives
- Accompany sporting trips
- Introduce other unusual sports to the school
- Influence people to choose the right lifestyle for them
- Make sport fun!

Recently, we have supported school activities such as Tri-golf and the Year 4 Swimming Gala and we hope to inspire future generations."



Salway Ash  
Young Ambassadors

Nikki Bareham - Chair

Jo Neary - Vice Chair

Lisa Crew

Beverley Bell

Clare Handford

Victoria Holland

Philip Smith

Patricia Bowditch

Paul Grant

Hayley Skelton

Camilla Murless

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