

Governor of the Month

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Anne Bishop: Chair of Governors

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Welcome to the first 'Governor of the Month' section for this academic year. This section aims to improve your understanding of the role of the Governing Body. Each Governor will contribute to the newsletter at the end of their month to tell you a bit about themselves and what they have been doing during their visits to school. We hope that you find this informative and may even encourage some of you to want to be a Governor too.

Firstly, I would like to welcome all our new families to our school; I hope your children have settled in well. The last Governor meeting in July was spent reflecting on the successes of the academic year 2017-18, and what a great year it was! Our children's achievements and attainments have continued to grow and pupils are leaving our school equipped for life as responsible, compassionate and resilient young people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their continued commitment to our children's wellbeing and education.

Although we have no Parent Governor spaces, we do have a couple of other vacancies on our Governing Board, such as Foundation and the Local Authority, that I will be spending this term recruiting. These Governors have the same role as Parent Governors but there is a difference in how they are appointed. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese and are tasked with ensuring the religious character of the school is upheld, and the Local Authority nominates LA Governors. We can also appoint Co-opted Governors if we feel they offer the skills required to support the board. If you, a friend or family member, would be interested in joining our board, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our Clerk to the Governors, Jacky Cope, would be more than happy to arrange a meeting with myself or one of the other governors or provide more information about what the role entails. You can contact her via email: clerk@olopprimary.co.uk or pop into the school office, and one of the staff members would be happy to pass on your details.

As we start a new academic year, one of our major focuses as a Governor is to continue working in partnership with the Senior Leaders of the school. The targets contained on the School Development Plan have been formulated from robust self-evaluation by the Senior Leaders. Therefore, the role of the Governors this year will be to visit the school and work with staff and Senior Leaders to ensure that any identified targets continue to be met. The successes from these visits will be shared with you in future 'Governor of the Month' updates in the Newsletter.

