



Governors' Newsletter

Kings Cliffe Endowed School Governing Body Newsletter

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Hello and Welcome

I'm delighted to bring you the first edition of our Governor Newsletter for this academic year.

We will ensure there is one per term. It is an aim of our school's governing body to improve communication and links between governors, staff, parents and children. Hopefully this newsletter will meet part of this aim. Through the newsletter we plan to share with you who the governors are and provide information about our school and look at long-term plans. You may get in touch with any one of us via the school office. Call 01780 470259, or write: c/o Kings Cliffe Endowed School office, Park Street, Kings Cliffe, PE8 6XN, or drop a note in at the office in person.



Thank You

Over the last 22 years Mrs Cunningham has done an amazing job as Clerk to the Governing body. As the school grows, so to do her administration

duties. Therefore, the governing body, along with Mrs Cunningham, have made the decision to appoint an independent Clerk. From December we welcome Mrs Isabel Clark as Clerk to the Governors.

We will continue to welcome Mrs Cunningham to our meetings to support us in fulfilling the governing body's responsibility for the Financial Management of the School and ensuring compliance with the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS). I would like to thank Mrs Cunningham for her hard work and continued support.

Listening to You

We aim at all times to liaise with our parents, listen to what you are telling us and respond to your suggestions.

From our recent questionnaire we discovered that some of you were not sure about the role of the governing body. As a result, I reflected on the roles and agreed that some of these were unclear and proceeded to create a description and allocate governors to each of the roles. Here is the link to [our website](#) where governor roles and responsibilities have been outlined and a named governor(s) has been allocated to one or more of those responsibilities.



Congratulations!

We are super proud of our Head teacher as based on the strength of the progress that pupils have made under her leadership, The National College for Teaching and Leadership have invited her to become a National Leader of Education (NLE). We feel that this truly

reflects the drive and determination that Mrs Bowyer has to ensure that all pupils make progress at our school and grow a love for learning. Due to the workload of the upcoming move to the new build it is something that she will consider once we have moved to the new premises.

The role of the Governors in monitoring and evaluating performance

The school continues to do incredibly well with regards to attainment and progress. We are above national at the end of the EYFS and we are above national in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of Y2 - Key Stage 1. In 2017 we will have our first Y6 - end of Key Stage 2 results.

The Teaching and Learning Governors have conducted the first learning walk for this academic year. This involved visiting all the classrooms to monitor pupils' books, how well pupils are able to talk about their learning and look at how enriching the learning environment is. All governors were extremely pleased with what they observed. We found children could confidently talk about their learning, what their targets were and what they liked about learning; books were marked up to date with detailed reflective comments both from the teachers and the children and finally, teachers have worked hard to create an environment that is rich and stimulating for their children. We look forward to seeing what this will look like in the new school. It was agreed that next time we would continue to monitor how children are reflecting on their own learning and the learning of peers.



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The PFA are continuing to work hard to raise funds for our school and to build up some additional funds for the new school. They ran a hugely successful music quiz night and continue to meet regularly to put on various fundraising events. The governors would like to thank Kelly Lilley (Chair) and the rest of the

PFA for their hard work, especially at this time of year when they are working incredibly hard to put on the fabulous Christmas Fayre. The majority of the governing body will be at this year's Fayre, running the raffle so please come and talk to us as we would love to find out in person your thoughts and ideas.



The New School



We were delighted to finally have a completion date and we are looking forward to starting Spring 2 in the new school. I would like to thank Mrs Bowyer for her determination and drive with this project and I know the gentle pressure applied has resulted in an outstanding building and one that our current Year 6

will get to share before they move onto secondary school. Mrs Bowyer has gone over and above her duty as head teacher to ensure that we have a flagship school that I am sure people will visit for several years to come and be in awe of the results of the learning environment the lucky children of King's Cliffe have.

Parental Involvement in School

This term 100% of our parents came into school for Parents' Evening.

There was a really good atmosphere in the hall and it was great that so many parents came to meet with their child's teacher. We hope you found the evenings helpful and informative.

We always welcome parent feedback and acknowledge some parents' initial concerns regarding Year 2. However,

the governors are confident in the way staffing issues have been handled and know that we now have a strong team in place.

We would like to thank Mrs Smith and Mrs Sibson for their continued hard work in ensuring consistency for the children.



Last year we decided to set up a Facebook page to inform you of key events and provide you with an electronic link to the newsletter. We feel that this has been a huge success and we are pleased with the number of likes the page receives. We will continue to post updates on the Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/kingscliffeschool>

Web site



I would like to Thank Pierre Tanner for his continued hard work on keeping the website up-to-date. This is a full time job. We have a governor section [on the website](#) so please do have a look to find out further information. Pierre is working with Mrs Bowyer to set up a new website for our new school site. The aim is for this to be informative, easy to navigate and celebrate all the successes of KCEPS.



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Isabel Clark
Clerk to the Governors



We would also like to take this opportunity to thank **all** our staff for their continued hard work and commitment to our pupils. The work you do behind the scenes does not go unnoticed.



And Finally

Please do not hesitate to contact me (*The Chair of Governors*) if you would like to discuss anything that is not within Mrs Bowyer's operational remit. However, if you are a parent in Year 2 or Year 5, then please ask to speak to the vice chair Richard Luff (my children are in these year groups). Please do this through Mrs Cunningham.

The Governors would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy
New year*



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