



Governors' Newsletter

Kings Cliffe Endowed School Governing Body Newsletter

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Hello and Welcome

As ever this term has been remarkably busy for the Governing Body.

Simply maintaining a focus on the strategic direction of any school is challenging – but now that the transition to a two-tier system has finally been approved the Govern-

ing Body have an added layer of challenge to ensure a smooth transition period, and that we work to secure a school that meets the needs of our growing community.

Governing Body

This term we have successfully recruited a Coopted Governor, Helen Kenyon, who will be joining the Resources and Personnel Committee. The ability to coopt governors on a skills basis was conveyed to the Governing Body as part of the reconstitution process undertaken in September as required by law. This means we

target our recruitment of governors in specific areas. However, the Governing Body still holds positions for 2 elected parent governors to ensure it is representative of its community. Details of the Governing Body and the classification of its members can be found at:

KingsCliffeSchool.co.uk

Parent Voice

We are actively working this year on improving opportunities for parents to share their views with the Governing Body. As part of this effort we put in place arrangements for the creation of a Parent Forum. Unfortunately no class representatives were forthcoming

and this was disappointing as a Parent Forum provides a valuable channel for parents to express views and Governors to receive feedback. I very much hope that when we put this opportunity forward again in September 2015 there will be more interest.

Communication

The regular appearance of this Governor's newsletter was a first important strand in our Development Plan for the year. This term we have been continuing with this theme and working to ensure that more information is uploaded to our website. We have experienced a number of difficulties in doing this but by the New Year I hope to be able to draw your attention to a particular focus area each term which links to a particular area of the website.



The Strategic Plan

We have developed two independent work streams – one to manage the transition period from September 2015 – July 2016 and a second to manage the New Build project.

Transition Plans

We are continuing to work with county to put in place plans to accommodate our Year 5s in September 2015. This is no easy task and the governing body are working incredibly hard to ensure that the school gets the resources it needs to ensure that all our children continue to achieve outstanding results while we wait for our larger premises.

New Build

As you are aware we have already had an opportunity to share the plans for the new school via the county website and the public drop-in session on 11th December. This was well attended and we were delighted to hear that many of you posed thought provoking questions to the county representatives there. We have a section on the website entitled 'Our New School' and we will continue to upload files and plans as they become available.

Community

Ensuring we are working and consulting with the wider community is another aspect of our work this term.



We have been working closely with the Kings Cliffe School Foundation who have a pivotal role in the development of our new school.

Links are being re-established between the school and Transition Kings Cliffe and we are exploring how we can work together on another similar project to the existing Orchard the school currently hosts.

As ever we have strong links with the Church and we are very

grateful to Reverend Davies for hosting the annual Christmas Play this year.

I am also particularly grateful to all the parents and visitors to the school who have shared their cultural celebrations and traditions with the children. This is such an important element of the children's experience at school and demonstrates how our community is not only growing in number but in terms of the richness of its cultural diversity.

To all our children, staff, parents, carers and community members, the Governing Body would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Sarah Dresner
Chair of Governors

Thank you



I would also take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of the Governing Body, the teachers and staff for all their hard work this term, and all the members of the PFA for their tremendous fundraising efforts throughout the year that provide valuable funds with which we can further enrich the experiences of our children at Kings Cliffe.

