



Governors' Newsletter

Kings Cliffe Endowed School Governing Body Newsletter

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Hello and Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the governor's update for the 2017/2018 academic year.

Our Governors

We said goodbye to Mrs Sibson, whose term of office ended and it was agreed that a new teacher governor would be elected. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Sibson for all her hard work on the governing body. She will continue to meet with us in her leadership role. We are delighted that Miss Seaton has taken on this role and we look forward to working with her. We

also welcomed Martin Fern back onto the governing body; he is currently liaising with the Parish Council on the building of the path to King's Cliffe Active. We hope to have more news on this in January.

I would like to thank Richard Luff, the vice chair for taking on the role of chair for me this term. It has been an extremely busy term.

P.F.A.

At the AGM Kelly Lilley and her team stepped down from the PFA. We would like to thank them for all their hard work in organising the events. They did an outstanding job at raising vital funds for the school and we are really utilising these funds in our new school. They are continuing to help out at future events. A new committee was elected and we would like to welcome Ruth Ding and her committee. We look forward to the fundraising events, and would like to thank them already for the school disco and organising the Christmas Fayre.

Review

A small group of governors were interviewed by representatives from the Inspire Teaching School Alliance as part of a teaching and learning review. We were asked questions and were able to use the information we have been given by the Headteacher and the information we have gained from our monitoring visits to answer them in full. The whole day was really useful for all staff and we were really pleased with the outcomes.

Some of the Governors were at the Christmas Fayre running the refreshments stall and were able to discuss their varied and valuable roles with many interested people.

Please check the website to find out who is who on the governing body and to see our governor development plan for 2018.

Many thanks to those parents that

have completed a survey. Your views are very important to us and shape the work that we do in school.

Finally, the governors would like to thank all the children for their fantastic efforts this term. We receive many compliments about their attitudes to learning and their behaviour both in school but also when they are representing the school at outside events. The end of year performance was outstanding and a fantastic way to end the year.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2018.

Governor Roles & Responsibilities

Keeping Children Safe in Education is our highest priority and our Safeguarding Governor Jim Gilbey has been into school monitoring some of the suggestions that an external advisor recommended. Jim has attended training and all governors have completed a quiz to ensure that they are fully informed about how to keep children safe in education. We monitor safeguarding on every visit to school.

Our learning and teaching representatives have spent the morning in classrooms focussing on pupil voice, pupil's work and the environment. The governors were impressed by the high expectations set by the teachers and the outstanding behaviour of our pupils. Governors will continue to monitor the new marking policy over this academic year.

The finance representatives have met with the Head teacher and Bursar to oversee the financial performance and to ensure money is well spent. One of our priorities for this year is to ensure our outdoor environment is well utilised.

Governor Training

We have had training for Safeguarding, Analyse School Performance and Fischer Family Trust. The latter are data platforms and should help governors to fulfil their duties.

To find out more about the roles of our governors and their vital contribution to the children's education and futures please visit the Governors page on our web site where you will find more detailed information about us.



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(Chair of Governors)



Richard Luff
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Nick Buckle
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Jim Gilbey
Safeguarding, Pupils, Parents Surveys



Mandy Jones
(Co-opted Staff Governor) SEND



Pierre Tanner
(LA Governor) Website, Facebook, Community



Bronwen Seaton
(Staff Governor)



Gina Scotney
(Foundation Governor) Medical Needs/First Aid



Brenda Wright
(Foundation Governor) Equalities



Isabel Clark
Clerk to the Governors



Martin Fern

Year 6 SATs results

Governors would like to thank the **whole teaching team** for their dedicated and hard work in preparing our first Year 6 cohort so well during all our transitions. They all did brilliantly. We are above national in reading, writing and mathematics and our progress score was positive in all areas.

We hear wonderful things about how they are settling into their secondary schools and with these results the children certainly have firm foundations to build on. We look forward to hearing about how they are getting on later in the year.

Percentage of all KS2 Pupils achieving

	School results	National results
Reading	86%	71%
Writing	95%	76%
Mathematics	95%	75%
Overall	95%	75%

Teaching Staff

In September we welcomed Mrs Horton as the part time teacher in Year 2. We also welcomed to our support staff Miss Nicola Walker to Year 4 and Miss Saskia Delara to Foundation. We are really pleased to welcome you to our school.

We have had an extremely busy first term and governors would like to thank all staff for their continued hard work, commitment and dedication to all our children. We have celebrated a number of successes this term and we have a really strong team of teachers and support staff that are committed to ensuring our pupils are safe and grow a love for learning.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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