



# Governors' Newsletter

Kings Cliffe Endowed School Governing Body Newsletter

ISSUE 12 December 2018

## Hello and Welcome

to our December 2018 edition of the Governor Newsletter.

As Governors of Kings Cliffe Endowed Primary School our role is to:

- ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction,
- hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff,
- oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

Every few years Ofsted will inspect a school to provide an independent assessment of the school and the Governors performance. As you will know we had an inspection a few weeks ago and are looking forward to receiving the official response in a few weeks.



## Changes to the Governing team

Sadly, we said goodbye to Gina Scotney as her term of office came to an end. We would like to thank Gina for all her hard work and all the contributions that she has made to the school.

The trust have appointed Caroline Filby to replace Gina. Caroline is an

active member of the community that I am sure many of you will already know. We are excited to welcome her to our governing body as she has a wealth of experience. She will be monitoring policies and ensuring they are kept up to date. She will also take on the role of inclusion governor.

We do have a vacancy for a co-opted governor. We are looking for someone who has a background in HR. The governing body is looking to appoint a shadow chair to support succession planning. If you are interested, or you know of anyone who you feel may be interested in joining the governing body and eventually taking on the role of chair, please let Mrs Cunningham know in the first instance.

## Ofsted Inspection



Governors would like to thank everyone for the part they played in the recent inspection. Ofsted provide just under 24 hours' notice they will attend a school and it was great to see everyone working together. We were delighted with the outcome from the day. All governors made extremely valuable contributions to the whole process. Governors, who were interviewed by the inspector, were able to answer all the questions that he had. We were also able to attend the feedback where he reported that he had thoroughly enjoyed his day in our school and he especially enjoyed interviewing the parents and children. It was fabulous to hear all the positive comments that had been made.

## Governor Training



Our Head teacher has led thorough and detailed training on safeguarding and in particular 'Prevent'.

We have been selected for the Department for Education governor training. Suzie Julien, the chair, has had the initial meeting with an external mentor and there are a range of online modules that we will complete throughout the year.

Our newest governors will be attending New Governor Training and we have all signed up to the governor training that is offered by the Inspire teaching school. We look forward to reporting on the impact in the future.

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## Governors Activity Autumn Term

Keeping Children Safe in Education is our highest priority and our Safeguarding Governor Jim Gilbey has been into school ensuring all are safeguarding procedures are appropriate. We monitor safeguarding on every visit to school.

Our Learning and Teaching

representatives had a thoroughly enjoyable morning in school. The governors were impressed by the high expectations set by the teachers and the outstanding behaviour of our pupils. Governors will continue to focus on the priorities outlined on the School

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**Suzie Julien**  
(Chair of Governors)



**Richard Luff**  
(Vice-Chair) Premises & Finance, P.E. Link



**Lynda Bowyer**  
(Head Teacher)



**Nick Buckle**  
Finance, Safeguarding SEND



**Jim Gilbey**  
Safeguarding, Pupils, Parents Surveys



**Mandy Jones**  
(Co-opted Staff Governor) SEND



**Pierre Tanner**  
(LA Governor) Website, Facebook, Community



**Bronwen Seaton**  
(Staff Governor)



**Louise Bowen-West**



**Martin Fern**



**Isabel Clark**  
Clerk to the Governors



**Caroline Filby**  
Foundation Trust Governor

### Autumn term actions cont'd

Development Plan in future visits to the school.

The governing body's finance representatives, Nick Buckle and Richard Luff have met with the Head teacher and bursar to oversee the financial performance and to ensure money is well spent. We continue to invest in the outdoor environment.

Our Appraisal Representatives have met this term with an external adviser and the Head teacher to conduct the Headteacher's Performance Management. We review the objectives and set new ones for this academic year. We have also received anonymised targets for all staff. We hold review meetings throughout the year.

### Satisfaction Survey



Many thanks to those parents that completed a survey. Your views are very important to us and shape the work that we do in school. We look forward to publishing the results in 2019.

Please check the school's website [www.kingscliffeschool.co.uk](http://www.kingscliffeschool.co.uk) to find out who is who on the governing body and to see our governor development plan for 2018/19.

**We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We look forward to working with you in 2019.**

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



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