



BLAKEDOWN C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Greetings as we begin the Summer Term at Blakedown CE Primary School. I hope you have had a chance for a break during the Easter holidays. The past few months have been very busy at the school as I am sure you will appreciate from your regular newsletters which Mrs Beckford-Bond sends out to you and from the school's website. The Governors had a full meeting on the 9th March and there have also been meetings of the sub-committees 'Learning and Development' and 'Resources'. Approved Minutes of the Governors' meetings (except for that which may be deemed confidential items) are available on request and may be seen at the school. The Governors have had some tentative discussions about Multi-Academy Trusts in the light of the Government's 'Academy Policy' announced recently.

Towards the end of last term Mr Richard Thomas was appointed as a Parent Governor. You may be interested to find out more about the Governors by looking at appropriate section of the school's website. The Governors always aim to support Mrs Beckford-Bond and her staff in their provision of what we consider to be quality education.

As always Governors value the contribution made to the school by the PTA members and by other volunteers who give their time to come into school to encourage children in their studies e.g. by listening to them read. We now look forward to the summer months and a full and active term for the children for whom we are responsible.

Fr. Paul Harrison – Chairman of Governors.

JANUARY

- Several Governors attended the parent workshop about the Maths Curriculum and Expectations.
- The Resources Team met to focus on issues of school Finance and Staffing.
- The Learning & Development Team met to focus on the progress of the school action plan targets with regard to learning, the curriculum and assessment. Pupils' work was viewed and policies updated.
- Governors held interviews and appointed an SEN Teaching Assistant who will work with children requiring 1:1 support.
- Governors met with the new parent governor for an informal interview and to discuss the role of as a school governor.
- Several governors attended school trips as additional helpers – Doug Wood, Freda Griffith.
- Louisa Harper visited in a monitoring role with a focus on the progress of Writing.

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FEBRUARY

- Strategic Governor Team met to analyse school data.
- Two governors offered their support and attended as helpers on the school trips – Doug Wood and Freda Griffith.
- Safeguarding Governor visited school to monitor records and keep informed of any issues.

MARCH

- Full Governing Body met with a focus on progress against the School Development Plan; 2015-16 budget monitoring; data analysis of pupil progress and updating policies. The new parent governor – Mr Richard Thomas attended his first meeting.
- Full Governing Body met to discuss the government's recent decision that all schools become academies in the near future.