

BLAKEDOWN C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of the School's Summer term. The close of the Academic year is a time to reflect on all that has happened in the life of the School and all that has been achieved. Mrs Beckford-Bond the Headteacher has, I know, kept you up-to-date with all the news and views through regular newsletters.

On behalf of the Governors I should like to thank Mrs Beckford-Bond and the Staff (teaching and non-teaching), who so often go above and beyond 'the call of duty', to provide all the interesting learning opportunities and extra curriculum activities for our children. Thanks as well to the PTA members, and all who volunteer their time and talents, supporting our young people in so many different ways and by fund-raising to buy extra teaching, learning and practical resources. All much appreciated.

The Governors have met regularly during the Academic year to scrutinise school data, make decisions and support Mrs Beckford-Bond in her running and organisation of the School. Mrs Johns recently resigned from the Governing Body and thanks to her for her service. Mrs Smith has been ratified by the Worcester Diocesan Board of Education as the Foundation Governor taking Mrs John's role.

Having accompanied some of the children on a trip to the NEC for a 'Science Fair' I was impressed by their good behaviour. Mrs Freda Griffith the Vice-chair has also commented on the helpfulness of the young people who went along to the Blakedown Bolt. As a School we do try to reach out into the Community and take part in Community activities. We are always proud of our children.

The Governors offer their sincere thanks for the contribution to the life of the School made by Mrs Crumpton, who is retiring after many years of loyal service as a cleaner. We say 'Farewell' to the young people in Year 6 who will be leaving Blakedown to begin their Secondary education. We wish them well for the future. We shall miss them when School re-opens in September for the Autumn term, but look forward to welcoming the children who will be starting in the Reception class as well as those who will be returning. The new School buildings will then start to be used.

Our congratulations to Miss Brine who will be getting married during the Summer holidays. We hope that she and her husband will have a long and happy life together.

I trust you will have a pleasant Summer with some time to relax and safe journeys if you are planning to travel far and wide.

Fr. Paul Harrison - Chair of Governors

APRIL

- Governors' self-evaluation meeting.
- Vice-Chair and Mrs Beckford-Bond attended a 'Growing & Developing a Multi-Academy Trust Workshop'
- Chair and Vice-Chair attended PREVENT training at a weekly staff meeting.
- Vice-Chair attending Church Governor Meeting.
- The Learning & Development Team met to review progress towards the School Development Plan and in school teacher assessment.

MAY

- The Chair & Vice-Chair attended the Magna Carta KS2 trip to Worcester Cathedral.
- The Resources Team met to review 2014-15 budget and set 2015-16 budget.
- Full Governing Body Meeting where a new co-opted governor – Doug Wood was welcomed.
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JUNE & JULY

- Governors met to analyse the data on RaiseOnline and discuss priorities for next year's School Development Plan.
- Mrs Beckford-Bond and the new finance governor – Doug Wood, met to analyse the budget.
- Vice-Chair and parent governor – Avril Nicholson attended a Sensory Optometric presentation.
- The Chair & Vice-Chair met to further scrutinise school data.
- Governors attended interviews for two lunchtime supervisors, a new cleaner and a new clerk to governors.
- Governors attended a briefing about Multi-Academy Trusts.
- Full Governors Meeting – end of year review.
- Governors feel welcome and enjoy the Let Loose KS2 School Production.