



BLAKEDOWN C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will read below, it has been a busy term for Governors and Staff. Governors have met regularly to receive and discuss the Headteacher's Report (and those of other staff members) on the work of the school and to monitor, on your behalf, the teaching and learning of the young people in our care. A number of Governors have visited classes to see for themselves the school 'in action'. We endeavour to see that what is done has an impact on each child's progress. The school is fortunate to have such a dedicated teaching staff, supported by able non-teaching staff, who work to help make the school run smoothly.

Mrs Jan Johns recently resigned from the Governors. At the last full Governors' meeting she was duly thanked for her long service on the Governing Team. It is hoped that Mrs Hazel Smith will take Mrs John's place as the Church's representative as one of the Foundation Governors.

May I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.

Fr. Paul Harrison
Chair of Governors

JANUARY

The Resources Team met to focus on issues of school Finance and Staffing.

The Strategic Governor Team met to discuss issues relating to reconstituting the structure of the Governing Body.

The Learning & Development Team met to focus on school improvement with regard to learning, the curriculum and assessment.

Governor's visited in a monitoring role with a focus on Reading and Spelling.

Governor's met to evaluate the effectiveness of the governing body and to start the formulation of an action plan.

FEBRUARY

Governor visit to monitor the quality of Science and topic work in the learning journals.

Strategic Governor Team met to shortlist for a new lunchtime supervisor.

Diocesan Meeting attended by Chair and Vice Chair of Governors at St Mary's CE Primary.

Governors met to gain insight into Academy status and Multi-Academy Trusts.

Strategic Governor Team met to shortlist for a part-time teacher for September.

Health & Safety training attended by the Vice-Chair of Governors.

Governors held interviews and appointed a new lunchtime supervisor for the summer term.

MARCH

- A selection of governors attended the Curriculum & Assessment Workshop for parents.
- Governor visit to monitor Health & Safety and actions linked to the external school audit. A study on how safe children feel in school was also carried out during the visit.
- Full Governing Body met with a focus on progress against the School Development Plan; 2014-15 budget monitoring; updating policies and self-evaluation of the governing body.
- Several Governors attended the school trips as volunteers to support the children and staff.
- Governors held interviews and appointed a new part-time teacher to start in September alongside Miss Harrison.