



Welcome to our Summer Newsletter

As we're sure you will have noticed, the construction of our new school building has progressed at quite a pace as the building has taken its form.

Our single site team have been working extremely hard in supporting the formidable list of decisions ongoing on a weekly basis. The workload has been immense.

We thank Jenni Coles for her outstanding contribution to the governing committee over the past decade from before we were a single school. We welcome Judi Burman has joined us as a new Co-opted governor. Colin Thompson has transferred to be the LA Governor and we will be advertising for an additional Parent Governor in September.

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Hoyle's husband David. David is currently the Dean of Bristol and has been recently appointed as the next Dean of Westminster with effect from November. Mrs Hoyle's immediate feedback to governors was that she has worked too hard fighting for us to be on a single site to leave us now and wants to stay with us to see the fruits of all this hard work.

Wrap Around Care

I hope you all agree the transition from the Breakfast Club to Club4 School has gone extremely well. The move to the new school in 2020 will help us to reduce the oversubscription we are seeing. They are now starting to think about the afterschool extension. We recognize numbers are and will continue to be beyond the capability of the club and are continuing discussions with other providers in parallel.

Single Site Committee (SSC)

We are pleased to report that the project is on programme and on budget. We recently organised a site inspection for governors to have a tour of the building and the feedback on the layout, design and progress was universally positive. This has been likewise with the visits undertaken by the children and staff.

Our working relationship with the contractor, Midas, and the wider South Gloucestershire team remains close. The number of key decisions and therefore meetings required over the past couple of months in particular has been very high and demanding.

Originally, funding was only available to fit out 11 of the 14 classrooms with the additional classrooms to be fitted as the school intake reached capacity. With the school's two form status having been confirmed funding has now also been approved to fit out all of these classrooms within this project and within the same programme. This is brilliant news in limiting the amount of disruption in a project that has been complex.

We have also spent a lot of time in managing the temporary closure of the school ahead of the Christmas holiday. The teachers and staff will be in work that week supporting the move and will be looking forward to the festive break more than usual whilst getting things ready for opening in January. We appreciate the impact this temporary closure will have on childcare for parents and carers, but hope that achieving the desired outcome will be obvious and to the benefit of all.

Double intake

Arrangements have been made for the temporary conversion of the Meadow site library into a classroom and an additional venue for the library to be provided.



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Curriculum and Standards Committee

Our committee members continue to make visits to the school to evidence the progress of the School Development Plan. These have included: the use of IT across the school; Early Years, Maths, SEN, the use of Daily Ten in the outdoor area and Assessment updates with the Deputy head Teacher. Children have also shared their views and perceptions both in their enjoyment of reading and creative opportunities in topics. The opportunity to talk to the children who are always very articulate and polite, yet very perceptive about their learning, is a real privilege.

We have updated a number of policies sometimes where national guidance or legislation has changed or where the Local Authority have updated. Part of this committee's remit is monitoring of pupil attendance and the analysis of recorded absences. Particular focus has been on the increased number of unauthorised holiday absences. This has involved correspondence with the Local Authority to clarify procedures and the findings shared with the Full Governing Body. It has been another busy year but an enjoyable one for us all.

Personnel and Communications Committee

We have reviewed the staff questionnaire and thank them for taking the time to complete it with their busy schedules. We believe that we have a very strong and effective staff, not only going forward in the new school year, but more importantly to help a smooth move into the new building. We have interviewed for an apprentice administrator, who will start in September. We would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and wish them a lovely summer break.

Finance and Premises Committee

As part of our environmental credentials an under-specification on solar panels for the new school building was identified. The committee reviewed likely future electricity costs vs capital expenditure to increase the number of solar panels. The Full Governing Body unanimously approved the proposal for capital expenditure to add additional solar panels to reduce future electricity costs.

Your Governors:

- Colin Thompson**, Chair - LA governor
Personnel & Communication committee
Daniel Tapscott, Vice Chair - Co-opted governor
Finance & Premises committee, Single Site lead
Chris Marshall, Vice Chair - Co-opted governor
Curriculum & Standards committee (chair)
Janet Ilieva, Co-opted governor
Personnel & Communication committee
Linda Porter - Co-opted governor
Personnel & Communication (chair), Finance & Premises committees
Nick Harris – Co-opted governor
Finance & Premises committee (chair)
Sara Oughton - Staff governor
Personnel & Communications committee
Andy Dyer - Parent governor
Finance & Premises committee
Ivan Gregory- Co-opted governor
Curriculum & Standards committee
Judi Burman- Co-opted governor
Finance & Premises committee
Janet Hoyle - Head teacher
All committees
Chris Hotchin – Associate Governor / Deputy Head
Curriculum and Standards Committee
Linda Hanney – Associate Governor
Personnel & Communication committee

Please always feel free to approach any of the Governor team and we will do our best to help you or e-mail our clerk on the address below.

PTFA

What an exciting year of activities the PTFA has put on, culminating in the Summer Festival last week. The feedback on the summer Festival was even better than before. The flags created by each classes were especially amazing.

The PTFA provide a significant income to our school beyond that of most other PTFAs in the country. The hard work and dedication by this small number of individuals supported by other volunteers at events is a key enabler for extracurricular activities in our calendar.



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