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## *News from the Governors - October 2019*

We have had a busy start to the new school year and would like to welcome all the new pupils, parents and staff as well as welcoming back all those returning to the school.

We have heard some very positive feedback about the trip to Grenville House. This is a residential week for Year 6 pupils at an outdoor education centre in Brixham. Well done to all the children for participating and showing resilience when confronting new challenges! A big thank you to all the staff who gave their time and ensured that the children had an unforgettable experience.

Well done to our Community Champions, who are doing some great work. They regularly interact with the senior residents at Great Moor House. Their visits are enjoyed by both the children and the residents.

Thank you also for your generous donations at the Harvest Festival. All the food was donated to the Homeless in Teignbridge charity.

The new hall floor has been laid. Thank you to FOBS for raising a substantial amount of money to enable this to happen!

### **Governor Survey**

There were 41 replies (47 last year). We would like to thank all those who completed our survey. Your responses are invaluable and every one is read, considered and actioned where applicable. Topics highlighted have been discussed by the Governors.

We have been in touch with those parents who asked for a follow up.

We have used the data to compare with previous years. This has shown a consistent high satisfaction rate. Examples of what respondents like about the school included:-

“The unrelenting enthusiasm of the adults in the school.”

“Fantastic teachers and children, very friendly atmosphere. Small classes. Really interesting class topics that my daughter enjoys learning about.”

Making more use of parents in school was something that was raised in the survey. We welcome parental help but there is a safe-guarding process to follow. If you do want to help in the classroom, please ask the office staff about the DBS checks that need to be done.

There were also requests for better communications and as result we have increased the points of contact detailed below.

## **Governor Activity**

This term has seen three governors leave and two replacements appointed.

Dave Boobyer has replaced Charlotte Nicholls as a co-opted Governor.

Emma Leballeur has replaced Lyn Shackleton as the Staff Governor.

There is a vacancy as a parent Governor to replace Natasha Geldard. This will be addressed in the second half of this term when forms will be sent to parents inviting you to join the Governing Board. If more than one parent comes forward we will go through the election process. Governors will be present at Parent/Teacher evenings and if anyone wishes to know more about the role please talk to us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Charlotte, Lyn and Natasha for all their hard work.

Should you wish to contact the governors please e mail either of the following:-

Carol Jones: [mrsjonesgov@bishopschool.co.uk](mailto:mrsjonesgov@bishopschool.co.uk)

Dave Boobyer: [mrboobyergov@bishopschool.co.uk](mailto:mrboobyergov@bishopschool.co.uk)

## **School Policies**

Statutory School policies are regularly reviewed and amendments made.

These are available on the school website: <http://www.bishopsteignton.devon.sch.uk/>

Dave Boobyer

Communications Governor

### **SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: Carol Roberts, Local Authority Governor e mail: [chair@bishopschool.co.uk](mailto:chair@bishopschool.co.uk)

CO-OPTED GOVERNORS: David Lamboll | Carol Jones | Graham Hooker | Andy Jebson | Dave Boobyer

PARENT GOVERNORS: Sarah Sutton | Paul Zaleski | Helen Kelham

STAFF: Emma Leballeur (Staff Governor) | Dave Killoran (Headteacher) | Geoff Jones (Clerk)