



## *News from the Governors - November 2020*

We would like to welcome all the new pupils, parents and staff as well as welcoming back all those returning to the school. The headteacher and staff have, in these difficult times, worked extremely hard to provide a safe environment for everyone. As well as thanking them for this, I would also like to thank all parents for their assistance in making sure the new procedures have run smoothly.

There has also been a balancing act following the return to full time education for all pupils. Not only ensuring that all pupils catch up and progress with their education but that their individual needs as a result of their interrupted education, together with their mental welfare, are met.

Some school events have had to be adapted or cancelled. One that was adapted was the Harvest Festival and we would like to thank you for your generous donations. All the food was donated to the Homeless in Teignbridge charity. This received good publicity for the school in the local press.

### **Building Work**

Major works have been carried out to the school during the Summer holidays. This has included a new roof on the main building, new windows in classrooms facing the playground and Rainbow Room, a new ceiling throughout the main corridor and shared spaces, and asbestos removal.

### **FOBS**

It has been a difficult time especially as a number of the usual forms of fundraising such as Christmas Fayre and Cake Days can not take place at present. The committee have come up with a number of innovative ideas which are detailed in their recent excellent newsletter.

This can be found at: <https://sway.office.com/47saQ2HQpqTP1oXo>

I would urge all parents who have not already read this to do so, and to get involved. Remember every penny goes towards the school.

## **Governor Activity**

This year has seen three governors leave and be replaced.

Sarah Irvine has replaced Andy Jebson as a co-opted Governor.

Louis Hamston and Faye Robertson have replaced Helen Kelham and Sarah Sutton as Parent Governors.

There is a vacancy as a Parent Governor. If anyone is interested in the role and would like to know details of what is involved, please contact us by e mail (contact details are shown below). If more than one parent comes forward we will go through the election process.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Andy, Helen and Sarah for all their hard work.

## **What have Governors been doing since the First Lockdown?**

We have continued to meet, using the Zoom application, and although unable to visit the school, have maintained a strategic overview, observed from a distance, checked all new procedures, and reviewed all school policies and the school website. Amendments have been made where appropriate.

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

The pre-school is now Governor led and comes under the umbrella of the Headteacher and school. This will ensure its existence in the future and further improve the transition of pupils into the main school.

We would like to thank everyone for all their hard work in making this happen, and welcome staff, pupils and parents to the school community.

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

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### **SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

**CHAIR OF GOVERNORS:** Carol Roberts, Local Authority Governor

**CO-OPTED GOVERNORS:** David Lamboll | Carol Jones | Graham Hooker | Dave Boobyer | Sarah Irvine

**PARENT GOVERNORS:** Paul Zaleski | Louis Hamston | Faye Robertson

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