

## Newsletter 24.9.21

### **New Chair of Governor's - Jayne Robertson**

First of all, a big welcome back to all pupils, staff and parents/carers!

As most of you will know, Linda Weston left at the end of last term and I was appointed as the new Chair. I am very grateful to Linda for all the work she has done as Chair, in particular through this pandemic, and offer my thanks to her on behalf of the Governing body.



A little bit about me. I have been a governor at the school since November 2019 and made it my goal to immerse myself in the school and my role within it. In my previous life (now retired), I have had a variety of roles - including head of HR, head of Operations, head of large projects, and head of Quality assurance - all for financial services firms in the city. I am delighted that I am no longer commuting and have enjoyed getting out on my bike regularly and travelling (to the extent we have been able to!). I have a married daughter who has given me the most beautiful granddaughter last year whom I take care of one day a week. I live in Feering with my husband and have done since 1986.

I have been into the school earlier this month, and met up with Mrs Cole. It was so lovely to be able to walk around the school and see each class in action. The children were so well behaved and clearly enjoying being back in the classroom and playing outside. It was also wonderful to see the Pre-School too in person.

On a final note, we are looking for more Governors to join the board. I know Mrs Cole has emailed details on applying to be a parent governor and I would encourage you all to consider this. I am happy to answer any questions on this role so please feel free to email me at [jayne.robertson@st-peterscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:jayne.robertson@st-peterscofe.essex.sch.uk). We are a friendly bunch - we welcome everybody and appreciate anyone who gives up their time to join us.

May I also remind you that we are keen to hear any feedback from parents. You can use the governor's postbox or email me directly.

Jayne Robertson

Chair of Governors

### **Science Award**

Following our whole school topic in 2019-2020 we are delighted to have received the following award. With thanks to Dr Gardner who submitted the evidence. The delay in receiving the award was due to Covid.



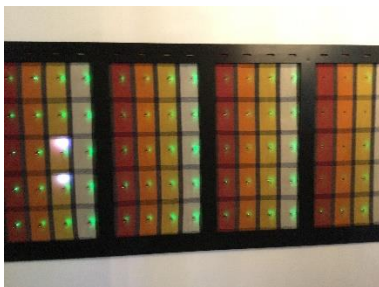
St Peter's C of E Primary School has today been awarded the prestigious BRONZE Space Education Quality Mark, in recognition of its excellent work compared nationally.

UK schools and colleges receive the Space Education Quality Mark when they can show that they have significantly used the context of space in subjects, have worked with other organisations, shared resources and used space to enrich the curriculum.

The Space Education Quality Mark was created by ESERO-UK, which supports the space sector and teachers to open doors for young people from all backgrounds, by delivering inspiring world-class teaching in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

### **Weaving display**

It was lovely to the display of our weaving included in the exhibition at Paycockes house. The children in Y5/6 visited the house last week and enjoyed taking part in the interactive display.



### **Curriculum Plans**

Our curriculum plans for this term can be found on the website at:

<https://www.stpeterscofeprimaryschoolcoggeshall.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-plans>

### **Story telling workshop**

As part of the East Anglian Storytelling festival, we had a visit this week from Jan Williams, a professional storyteller. The children in KS2 were able to listen to some local history stories and the children in Year 3/4 have started to work on their own stories about Coggeshall.



## Harvest Festival

Thank you for your donations for the food bank. We are still collecting next week. Please see the list below for suggestions.



### Shopping List HARVEST 2021

Thank you so much for your support. Our clients are very grateful. We anticipate that the year ahead will be hard for many people, as the removal of the increase in payments to Universal Credit and the end of the furlough scheme comes this side of Winter. It is through your support and generosity that we continue to be here for those most in need.

#### We urgently need:

- Washing up liquid
- Washing detergent (in a gel form if possible please)
- Juice (1l please)
- Deodorant
- Custard (tinned or packet)
- Sponge puddings



#### Needed to maintain stocks:

- Long life milk (1l please)
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned fruit
- Instant mash
- Chocolate
- Baby wipes
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Shower gel
- Sugar (500g please)

**Due to the generosity of our community, at present we do not need: Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Baby Food, Baby Nappies, Jam, Fish, Rice, Hot Meat, Hot Snacks, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Veg**

\* **Please note: We often ask for small packs**—Larger packs do not fit in our boxes and make it difficult for our clients to carry home. Also, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs.

*PLEASE NOTE: We are grateful for your donations to the Braintree Area foodbank. However, we can only accept donations of freshly-bought, unopened and undamaged goods which are still well within their "use by" date (no less than 6 months where possible). It is difficult to use items which do not meet these requirements. Thank you.*

## Year 6 Parents

The application period for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2022 opened on 10 September 2021.

From this date, parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using the website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online.

As usual, the Council will not be sending out letters to parents/carers about applying. All of the application information is published on the website above.

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2021.