



Governor Newsletter Summer 2016

Welcome

Welcome to the Governors Summer Term Newsletter. We have lots of updates on things happening around school and also have two new members of the Governing Body to introduce.

Head Teacher

As you are aware Mrs. Emerson will be stepping away from her role as Co-Head at the end of term. Mrs. Emerson has provided leadership support for the school while Miss Morris has been on maternity leave and then was Co-Head this year. We would like to thank Mrs. Emerson for her support and leadership during her time at Templewood and wish her well for a relaxing summer break.

An introduction to the new Governors

We would like to introduce you to the newest members of the Governing Body.

Rebecca Darbyshire

I am a Co-opted Governor who lives locally and whose children have all now left Templewood and moved on to pastures new. I currently work as a Librarian at a secondary school in St Albans where I have worked for over six years. Before that I worked for an international bookseller as an Assistant Manager. A love of books has always played a great part in my life, and I have a particular interest in whole-school literacy. Having recently joined Templewood's Governing Body, I am looking forward to working with the staff and other governors to develop the school and assist in ensuring that all pupils receive an excellent and inspiring education in a happy and safe environment.

Suganya Sathyamoorthy

Suganya is a co-opted governor who lives locally. She has no previous links to Templewood but has a passion for education and has an MBA in education management. She wants to transfer this passion into practical support for the school through her role in the Governing Body and is looking forward to being actively involved in many aspects of the Governing body's work.

School buildings refurbishment

While the school is now leak free and a lot warmer thanks to the addition of the new roof we have been faced with an unusual flooding problem. You will recall some weeks ago that you received a text letting you know the school had flooded. The kitchen, boiler room and dining hall were all under several centimetres of water but not from the rain that came down. The heavy rainfall raised the water level under school - and water was coming up through the floor. For 30 minutes Templewood had its own spring with water coming out of the wall by the boiler house. This may be a source of income in the future but for now we are working with Hertfordshire Country Council to try and fix the problem. More to follow.

We continue to work with the council to find a suitable solution to fix the windows that will meet both our needs and the needs of English Heritage. We are currently working through a plan to refurbish windows where new fixings are required. We continue to seek other solutions to support this and hope to be able to update you in the autumn term.

Governor highlights

This has been a busy year and a great opportunity to look back at the amazing array of activities that the school has undertaken in the last academic year. Supported by all of the staff the pupils have had the opportunity to do some wonderful things. Here are a few of the highlights:

- The Hertfordshire Schools Concert at the Albert Hall - What an amazing spectacle and what a privilege to be part of it. Wonderful to see Templewood waving when their names were called. The singing was amazing. Thank you to Mrs Spragg, Mrs Toal and Miss Morris for their support on the day.
- The Marathon Challenge – What a fantastic achievement by all the pupils who completed it. Thank you to Mr Bryan for arranging this event alongside his staff and parent helpers.
- A big thank you to the TSA for organising the summer party. The weather was wonderful and the party was a great success. A special thanks goes to Angela Turley who spent a lot of time making sure everything ran smoothly. We had eight governors running the BBQ and we still didn't poison anyone. We will have to try harder next year!
- Thank you to Mrs Moore & all the staff involved for your hard work in helping year 3 treating us to a wonderful performance of the Lion King medley live on stage at Campus West!

Thank you too to the amazing school staff who have supported, taught, maintained, administrated, cooked and cleaned. Without your energy and enthusiasm Templewood would be a less amazing place.

Plus a heart felt thank you to all our volunteers, who help out in the library, provide maths support, read with the children daily and those who get involved in the trips and clubs.

And finally many thanks to Mrs Toal, Mr Bryan, Mrs Penson and Miss Ingamells for organising another fun filled and exciting High Adventure week in Yorkshire last month for year 6.

In fact the excitement and adventure for the Willow class is about to take on a new meaning when they leave Templewood this year. We wish them luck and hope to see them return and share their journey with us in years to come. We trust that your time at Templewood has been filled with many wonderful memories. To the parents and carers of year 6 pupils, thank you for your support for the school. Templewood continues to go from strength to strength and we look forward to welcoming the new Willow class in the start of the new term.

We hope you all have a chance for a break over the summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back for a new term in September.