



Governor Newsletter

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter

This has been another very busy but exciting year for all involved with Watermore School.

We thank outgoing governors for their many years of service including Pat Hockey, Karen Mitchell and our staff governor Margaret Robbins. Margaret will be retiring at the end of the school year. We also thank our clerk Alex Jones for her support through the many years she has been with us.

We are excited to welcome two new governors who have joined us. Parent Governor – Fionnuala Costello, and Co-opted Governor Ivan Gregory, We also welcome our new Clerk Kate Goldring.

We thank all our governors whether past or present for their tireless volunteering work in ensuring that our school continues to deliver education and a community environment for which we are all proud.

As we approach the end of this academic year we wish the Year 6 pupils every success as they move on to the next stage of their education as well as the staff leaving us through retirements or to take up exciting new posts in their development.

Double intake

As has been the case for 4 years previously we are again increasing the school size in September. We have also agreed with South Glos. Local Authority to make this formal to be a 2 form entry school going forward.

We do not need to make any major alterations as the Elliott Building installed in 2017 has the capacity for an additional classroom. We have made application for additional IT equipment.

Wrap Around Care

As per our previous communication, the breakfast club will come to a close this year and pass over into the charge of Jules Mackay and Kirsty Mitchell.

We are very grateful to all the other volunteers who have run the existing Watermore Breakfast Club over the past few years. We would especially like to thank Mark and Jo Taylor for their roles.

As previously communicated, the new breakfast club will commence in September 2018 with an expansion to after school care once the new build is in place.

Single Site Working Group

The project is now tantalisingly close to becoming a reality with work starting on site, we hope this summer.

Additional funding has been approved, the plans are looking good and align well with our original brief, taking into account feedback from the public consultation event held earlier in the year. We have supported numerous design team meetings, the specification has been written and the tender has been submitted by the Local Authority to contractors. We are now meeting prospective contractors.

News in terms of the outcome of the planning application is the big hurdle for us and the Local Authority now. It's a frustrating waiting game as we are keen for work to commence as soon as possible meaning the smoothest transition when the doors open.

For those who wish to see the plans they are available online via the South Gloucestershire Planning Portal under reference PT18/0930/R3O.



For your
Calendar

Sep 3rd & 4th, Oct 19th
Staff Training Days

Wed Sep 5th
Back to school

Oct 29- Nov 2
Half Term

Dec 21st
End of Term 2

Curriculum and standards Committee

This has been another busy year for the Curriculum and Standards Committee, reviewing a significant number of polices, working with school on the School Development Plan and visiting to talk to the children about on-line safety, their reading and their recent experience of statutory tests. They were all well informed, with an eagerness to share their views and their learning experiences and were generally not anxious about their recent tests. This is a credit to the school in ensuring they were all well-prepared. Such opportunities as these, give us the chance to work with the staff team who are extremely hard working and totally focused on the best possible outcomes for all the children in their care. It is always a real pleasure to be made so welcome into the school by staff and children alike and to feel that we are a valued part of the team.

Personnel and communications Committee

The Personnel and Communications Committee has been involved in interviewing for the new owners of the breakfast club, who will eventually also run the after school club. The team have also assisted parents in resolving the sudden shortfall in afterschool care for term 6. We have also been very involved in interviewing for new staff throughout the school and are confident we have an excellent team moving forward to the new school year. We have advertised and appointed a new clerk to the governors and recruited a new co-opted governor. We have also completed a survey of the governing body.

Thank you to all who completed the recent parent survey. At our next meeting, we will analysing the results to help us in our future planning. Information about the results of the survey will be included in the school's fortnightly newsletters in the autumn.

Finance and Premises Committee

The School financial position continues to be strong and in line with expectations set out at the start of the year. Going forward, the key focus is on ensuring the school is in the best possible financial position to move to a single site. Budget planning will now commence to enable a smooth transition.

Your Governors:

Colin Thompson, Chair - Parent governor
Personnel & Communication committee

Daniel Tapscott, Vice Chair - Co-opted governor
Finance & Premises committee, Single Site Lead.

Janet Ilieva, Vice Chair – Co-opted governor
Personnel & Communication committee,

Janet Hoyle - Head teacher
All committees

Linda Porter - Co-opted governor
Personnel & Communication (chair), Finance & Premises committees

Jenni Coles - Co-opted governor
Curriculum & Standards committee

Nick Harris – Co-opted governor
Finance & Premises committee (chair)

Margaret Robbins - Staff governor (up to July 2018)
Curriculum & Standards committee

Andy Dyer - Parent governor
Finance & Premises committee

Peter Halliday - Co-opted governor
Finance & Premises committee

Chris Marshall - Co-opted governor
Curriculum & Standards committee (chair)

Ivan Gregory- Co-opted governor
Curriculum & Standards committee

Chris Hotchin – Associate Governor / Deputy Head

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

As usual our PTFA have carried through an amazing year of activities to benefit our community spirit while raising funds for our school. Their tireless volunteering allows us funding opportunities that would not be available to others. Please support them through volunteering either in planning or volunteering on the day to make these events such a success.



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