



Believe in ourselves; be
the best we can be

News from the Governors | November 2018

We hope you have had a good first half term and enjoyed your break. The Governing Board would like to take the opportunity to welcome all new parents and staff to the school.

It is exciting to see the school growing, with pupil numbers being the highest they have ever been and we have waiting lists for some year groups! Feedback from new parents has been incredibly positive about the work that Mr Killoran and the staff are doing.

We thought now would be a good opportunity to provide an overview about the Governing Board; what we do and who we are. The Governing Board is a group of volunteers from parents, staff and the local community who support the school with its strategic direction.

We are not involved in the day-to-day management, but work in partnership to develop policies and monitor school performance. Governing Board meetings are open to everyone and this year will occur on: 21 November, 18 March, and 19 June. If you would like to attend, please let us or the office know.

Governor Vacancies

We have a parent governor vacancy. We welcome parents who are keen to support the school by offering their time. Education experience is not needed. If you would like more information about the commitment involved, please get in touch. We'll be asking for nominations soon.

We also welcome parents who do not feel they have the time needed for a full governor post, who could support us as an associate governor. These governors take on set tasks, such as research.

Communication

Enhancing the school community is one of our key strategic focuses, so we were pleased that we have heard great feedback about the School Jotter app improving the communications with parents. We hope through the app, emails and letters – you are keeping up with all the exciting things happening!

Attendance

Our final attendance for the 2017/18 academic year was 96.3% – beating both Devon at 96.2% and National at 96.1% averages. Thank you to all the support from parents keeping this figure consistently high.

Governor Activity

The governors have already been busy this term, with a visit looking at the teaching of maths, setting the school's objectives over the next five years, and reviewing various school policies – many of these can be viewed on the school website. Some of the governors will be supporting the FOBS Christmas Fayre on the 7th December, please do stop and say hello.

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BISHOPSTEIGNTON SCHOOL GOVERNORS

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STAFF: Lyn Shackleton | Dave Killoran | Geoff Jones (Clerk)