Who are your Governors?

Jeanette Proctor (Chair - Co-opted Governor, responsible for SEND and The Ark)
Rose Woodforth (Vice Chair - Co-opted Governor, responsible for Maths)
Claire Hall (Head Teacher)
Rev David Wintle (Foundation Governor)
Barbara Marsh (Foundation Governor)
Davina Lambeth (Staff Governor)
Emma Bayliss (Co-opted Governor, responsible for Health & Safety)
Richard Stanford (Co-opted Governor, responsible for Pupil Premium)
Lynne Davidson (Parent Governor, responsible for Safeguarding)
Cate Pooton (Parent Governor, responsible for EYFS)
Marcus Henry (Co-opted Governor, responsible for PE and French)
Stuart Tetlow (Local Authority Governor, responsible for ICT)

Dear Parents and Carers, Staff and Children

Welcome to the latest edition of Governor News - it’s been such a busy year already, there is so much to share with you! Firstly, please let me introduce myself as your new Chair of Governors - a post I feel honoured and privileged to hold. I have two children at PWP in Y6 and Y2, and I’ve been a governor for 5 years. PWP is a very welcoming, inclusive school and I am very happy to be taking on this role at such an exciting time, as the initiatives introduced by Miss Hall begin to show really promising results and the staff’s dedication and teamwork has been acknowledged by Ofsted.

Thank you to everyone who spoke to the Inspector during her visit and completed the online questionnaire; huge thanks to the whole staff team for their hard work, commitment and smiles through all kinds of challenges, thanks to all my fellow governors who have contributed many hours of discussion and support, and most importantly, a massive THANK YOU to you, the parents, carers and children at PWP, without you we wouldn’t be here at all, and it is truly a great place to be!!

Yours sincerely
Jeanette Proctor, Chair of Governors

THANK YOU DONNA!

At the end of last term, Donna Mason decided to retire from her post as Chair of Governors after many years of unswerving hard work and commitment to PWP. I’m sure you’d like to join me in saying a big thank you to her for everything she has done and wishing her and her family every success and happiness for the future.

MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS to our amazing PTA who fundraised tirelessly for two years to replace the outdoor play equipment on the play ground with the brilliant new Trim Trail which has been much enjoyed by everyone ... including the Governors!

(L-R: Rev David Wintle, Rose Woodforth, Mrs Lambeth, Jeanette Proctor, Richard Stanford, Barbara Marsh and Miss Hall)

Congratulations to the PTA on a fabulous Christmas Fayre too!
NEW GOVERNORS
I am very pleased to confirm that we have successfully recruited three new Governors - Cate Poolton, Marcus Henry, Stuart Tetlow - so we are back up to full strength. Thank you and welcome to the team!

PARENT AND STAFF SURVEY RESULTS & ACTIONS
Thank you everyone for your responses to our Surveys. We’ve held a Working Party Meeting to review the results and develop an Action Plan. You might have noticed some changes already, such as the new perimeter fence and improved security, the changes to drop-off and collection procedures, the return of the Year 6 / Reception Buddy System and the children are now singing 3/4 times a week in Assembly! There are currently no plans to add singing to the assembly on Fridays as it takes so long already to celebrate all the week’s achievements!

There will be a full Report issued early in the New Year so you can view all the results and planned actions.

GOVERNORS’ NEWS
Governors are always working on your behalf - what have we achieved in 2018?

- Governors now have independent access to the school’s tracking system (OTrack) to give us a better understanding of assessment, progress and results for each class;
- Analysed pupil progress data in more depth, challenging staff and agreeing further resources to support extra strategies and interventions when appropriate;
- Examined School Finance in great detail and agreed the budget for 2018/19;
- Organised Parent and Staff Surveys; formed a Working Party to assess results and develop an action plan;
- Provided a higher level of support for SATS week than ever before;
- Introduced Governor Monitoring Fortnight where governors meet teachers to discuss progress against Learning Improvement Plan priorities;
- Held a vision and strategy-setting session;
- Increased security in school – helped to secure funding for new perimeter fence and new magnetic door locks for external and internal doors;
- Supported school through extensive periods of staff sickness to ensure minimal impact on results;
- Helped recruit new teachers;
- Attended many training sessions and conferences (Ofsted Inspections, Understanding Data, Finance, Safeguarding, Pupil Premium, Diocesan Conference, Engaging Parents);
- Attended and enjoyed many varied school events.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE THIS TERM?
- Three Full Governing Body meetings;
- Annual Pay Committee Meeting;
- Head Teacher Performance Management;
- OFSTED Inspection;
- Monitoring Fortnight;
- Training Events and Conferences;

And we’ve discussed Safeguarding, Finance, Ofsted Next Steps, Pupils’ Progress, Policies, Staff Wellbeing, Developing the Strategy Plan and many other important things!

OFSTED NEXT STEPS
We were very pleased that the ‘next steps’ identified by the Ofsted Inspector on her visit comprised three activities for improvement which already well developed and in action - Phonics, Handwriting and Reading—watch this space for further developments!

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy New Year!