

# The Governors' Newsletter

All Saints CofE Infant School

December 2018

## The Autumn Term Update



What a fabulous Autumn term it's been! The children have been challenged to explore the outer reaches of Space in myriad ways; teachers have displayed customary excellence and creativity, FOAS has excelled with events and fundraising; the Office have kept everything running beautifully, and as Governors, we have welcomed three new members and two associates. The school has created a lovely garden tribute to Rev. Heather, launched its Outdoor Classroom and been praised by the Government for its excellence in teaching phonics! WOW!

## Who is the Fair-est of them All ? FOAS!



Tremendous thanks to the dedicated team at FOAS who organised, cajoled, carried, collected, baked, decorated and delivered a fabulously festive Christmas fair! The children had a brilliant time and we are all immensely grateful to you!

## Fence-ational!



As you have no doubt seen from the vibrant yellow Planning Application on display at school, we are in the process of upgrading the fence at the front of the school.

The existing timber is beginning to rot and from a Safeguarding perspective, we would like to raise the height of the fence and introduce electronic access for visitors during the school day.

The School Council has worked diligently and thoughtfully with Alan Corcoran ('Buildings' Governor) on these plans, and we would like to thank them for their help. Full details can be seen on the Waverley Planning Portal (Ref. WA/2018/1946)



We are delighted and fortunate to have a dedicated Governing Body at All Saints. This term we've appointed 3 new Governors to the school, bringing a wealth of new skills, experience and enthusiasm to the Board. We are all incredibly driven to build a sustainable, successful and exciting future for our school! Please extend a warm welcome to our new Governors....

### KELLY BLACKABY

Kelly is a Woodpecker parent and Human Resources professional, who will help the school reach its aspirations for staff retention and development. Kelly is also spearheading the drive to promote Equality and Diversity at All Saints and to boost our cooperative activities in the local community.

### SUSIE MCINTYRE

Susie is Kingfisher parent with a professional background in writing, PR & Marketing. Susie has been proactive in creating and implementing the school's new communications strategy. Susie is looking at ways to improve how we keep parents informed, champion the school, staff and children's achievements, and spread the word about All Saints' first-class education.

### HANNAH MELLOR

Hannah is a full-time Mum of 3 boys and an experienced primary school teacher. Having worked in large London junior schools, local primary and nursery schools, and with a Graduate Diploma in Psychology, Hannah has a brilliant combination of skills. Hannah is already looking at ways to work more closely with the School Council and to raise our Pupil Voice.

*Details of all Governor roles & contact details can be found on the website.*



## The All Saints' Grand School Development Plan

Over the early part of this academic year, Mrs Bedford, the teaching staff and Governors worked on consolidating the school's vision and producing a 3-year plan for All Saints' development. Parents and children provided invaluable, incisive feedback and direction, and contributed some really creative, innovative ideas. The true community spirit at All Saints continually heartens us, and the collective desire to see the school and children flourish is an incredible strength for the school.

One message that rang loud and clear in discussions with all groups: high academic standards and a caring, nurturing environment are not mutually exclusive. Our children deserve the very best of both and here at All Saints, we are all dedicated to the highest standards in both and will stay true to our motto: *Love to Learn; Learn to Love.*

The plan is extremely detailed, in terms of its aims, outcomes and, of course, its costs. It seeks to maintain and develop opportunities to be 'outstanding' across the whole school, and to celebrate the unique and exceptional education on offer.

Some of the key areas covered in the plan are:

- The creation of a research-backed Curriculum Booklet to ensure the school's vision and curriculum are progressive and united.
- The use of 'Enabling Environments' to increase Greater Depth in writing and comprehension across the whole curriculum.
- The further development of pupil oral fluency, vocabulary initiatives, metacognition, pupil challenges and the growth mindset.
- Preparation for the forthcoming changes in EYFS and Y2 assessment to maintain outstanding results.
- The pursuit of Outdoor Learning excellence to enrich the curriculum, plus the creation of eco warriors, a wildlife garden and the renewal of wooden play equipment and playground markings
- A robust and positive Safeguarding strategy, with the development of the Vulnerable Log, guided 'Circle of 10' pupil forum, and Pupil Ambassadors.
- A renewed focus on the '7 by 7' Children's Challenge
- Improved Parent-Governor partnerships through the development of great Governor communication, monthly 'Meet the Governor' surgeries, newsletters, School Council and hosted social events.
- Strong Admissions success as a result of an enviable reputation in community to ensure financial sustainability.
- Review the school IT curriculum, including coding and e-safety, alongside resource planning to accommodate future government technology initiatives.
- Ensure the continuation of first-class staff recruitment and strategies to ensure All Saints' staff development and wellbeing.
- The fostering of positive links with local and national schools as part of an overall 'School Improvement Strategy' for staff and pupils.
- The creation of meaningful, long-term Community Link Projects.



## Portrait Art Attack

We are thrilled to have launched a termly Governors' Children's Challenge! Having seen the fabulous artwork being produced in their school, Kingfishers were chosen to receive our first challenge of the year.

We asked Miss Hedges and her class to produce some beautiful portraits of the school Governors for display in our new notice board. We are excited to see the results and know that you will all enjoy having a look in January. We are excited to see if the masterpieces are more influenced by Pablo Picasso or Hans Holbein... Please do check out the artwork in the playground shelter in the New Year, and do come and see us to check the likeness. The best artist will be invited to paint Mrs Bedford! Watch this space....



## Parent Power

Perhaps you can dance with your dog or perform acrobatics...or maybe you're good with numbers, machinery, gardens, chemistry, sport or storytelling?

Whatever your talent or skill – professional or just passionate amateur – All Saints would love to have you join our directory of parents and grandparents who are willing to help out from time to time.

We are not looking for anyone to make a regular or fixed commitment, but we'd love to know if you'd be willing to lend a hand. Please contact Susie McIntyre if you're able to help: [smcintyre@allsaints-tilford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:smcintyre@allsaints-tilford.surrey.sch.uk)

And finally, we would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas & a fun-filled, successful 2019!

*The All Saints  
Governors*

