

## Governors' Newsletter

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## Joint Head Teacher Appointment

We would like to congratulate Lucy Jackson on her appointment to the post of Joint Head Teacher at one day per week. Lucy underwent a rigorous interview process involving members of the governing body and an external advisor: Mrs. Margaret Pollard, who is Head at Kineton Primary School, our school-to-school support partner.

## Parent Survey Results

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed the 2018 Parent Survey. Serban Marfa organised the survey this year and presented the initial results 'hot off the press' at the final Governors meeting of 10th July.

The results are **outstanding** and show that you feel your children are safe, happy and well looked after in our school; that you feel the school is well led and managed; and that you agree your children make good

progress.

The survey also suggests that parents may benefit from further information regarding homework; how we report children's progress; and our behaviour policy, including how the school deals with bullying.

Your free text feedback is also valuable, and the comments will be reviewed in more detail at our first meeting of the new academic year.

## Governors in school

Dave Holland visited school in early May to review Year 6's preparedness for the tests, to see how they were feeling, and to look for any impact on their wellbeing:

*Our Year 6 are engaging, confident and seemed relaxed and ready for the SATS. They were also unfailingly polite and always raised their hand and waited to be invited to speak. I didn't see any indications of exam stress.*

*Once they had a think about it, pupils identified a few things that were good about the SATS*

- *Class teachers have been really encouraging*
- *They have been able to practice and get themselves ready*
- *Revision has helped, just going over things again*
- *The SATS help you understand what you are good at and what you need to work on*
- *Hot chocolate and biscuits are provided before each exam*

*I then asked the pupils what they would do differently if they were in charge of the SATS. A few interesting insights were revealed:*

- *The curriculum is broad, and they'd like to know which things they need to focus on*
- *Prompt sheets would help them remember the key things they struggle to recall*
- *More one-to-one help with particular things that they are struggling with*
- *A run around before each exam to burn some energy and help get rid of nerves*
- *Reminders to go to the toilet before they start*

A few days later, Sue Lampitt was an observer when the tests took place. |

*The atmosphere was excited, and everybody was ready. The children ran a couple of circuits round the field to run off surplus energy and this made a good start to the day. They were then offered dark chocolate (good for the brain!) before taking their seats for the exam and saying a prayer.*

*During the exams, perfect exam discipline was maintained, and children knew to raise their hand when they needed something (such as when a pen exploded and sprayed ink all over the desk!)*

*At the end of the exams, children resumed their normal lives having cheerfully dealt with the papers, without any crisis over what questions had been done or left unanswered.*

*I thought the atmosphere, the support, and the adherence to proper procedure could not have been better.*

## Year Six/SATS Results

Key Stage 2 SATS results are now available and have been circulated to our Year 6 pupils. Attainment was consistent with our expectations and the targets included in our Learning Improvement Plan. Crucially, all children made expected progress in all subjects over the course of Year 6; while almost 3 in 4 children made greater than expected progress. These statistics support our judgement that we are becoming an outstanding school. Well done to the pupils and staff of Class Four!

We say farewell to our parting Year 6 and their families and wish them all the very best of luck in their future endeavours.

## Sue Alldred



In addition to her great work as our School Business Manager, Sue has also been a brilliant Clerk to Governors for the last four years. We said our 'goodbye' to Sue by holding our last meeting of the year at Shah's and enjoying a bite to eat after the meeting completed. Sue, thanks so much for your help and support and happy retirement!

## Thank you

It has been another great year for the school and we would like to say a big 'thank you' to the staff for all their efforts this year. There have also been impressive extra-curricular events organized by the 'Friends' including the Royal Wedding Tea Party this year, and we are very grateful to the Friends committee and all parents who give their time to these events. These events raise valuable funds for the school while providing our children with memorable experiences.

### Your Governing Body:

<b>Dave Holland</b>	Chair
<b>Neil Thomas</b>	Vice Chair, Chair of Performance and Standards
<b>Nick Wilson</b>	Chair of Resources
<b>Margaret Lunnon</b>	Head Teacher
<b>Sean Dent</b>	Early Birds and After School Provision
<b>Keith Groen</b>	Safeguarding, Nursery Provision
<b>Lucy Jackson</b>	Assistant Head Teacher
<b>Sue Lampitt</b>	Church Foundation and SEN
<b>Serban Marfa</b>	Finance
<b>Anne Richardson</b>	Church Foundation and Personnel