



Shropshire Local Education Authority

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Dear Parents,

Well it has been a term for change, with our new head, Dave Tinker in post, Miss Lumley covering Mrs Lockley's maternity and a new chair and committee in FOBs, you can imagine school has been busy, busy, busy, with lots of positive changes.

And of course, congratulations to Mr and Mrs Lockley on the birth of Joseph, what exciting news. I think the whole of school came to standstill last week when the children and staff got to meet the new arrival!

Last week the Governing Body had their termly meeting to ensure that the school is running effectively and all children are progressing well educationally. In the interest of transparency, the Governing Body keeps you updated on items discussed at our full Governing Body meetings throughout each academic year. The minutes from each meeting are held in the school office, once they have been approved, and if any parent would like to look at these in detail please ask Mr Tinker.

The following list is a summary of the points discussed during our recent Winter Term meeting:

1. Chris Jessop was welcomed as our new Parent Governor. Chris has lots of experience in further education and is a great asset to the Governing Body. Chris will receive support and attend training for his new role.
2. Diane Crowe was welcomed in her new capacity as Local Authority Governor.
3. Catherine Cowper will continue to stand as Staff Governor for the next academic year.
4. Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and any action/impact points were discussed:
 - The possible adoption of Pre-School was further discussed. Dave Tinker, the Governors, Pre-School committee and the Local Authority are currently in discussions about how this could be achieved.
 - Unfortunately, Sarah Hare has confirmed she does not have the capacity to undertake the position of Foundation Governor at our school; therefore we still have a vacancy for his position. Governors and the clergy team are considering how this could be resolved.

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- To ensure our own and Church Preen's Governing body are always up to date with new initiatives, Dave Tinker is going to arrange a joint seminar with the chair of the Small Schools Governors Association, Neil Short. To discuss the 'future governance' of small schools.
 - Dave Tinker was pleased to report that we now offer after school and breakfast club 5 days a week, with two members of staff being present at after school club. Furthermore we have a lunchtime supervisor and an improved lunchtime regime in place.
 - A new telephone system is being installed allowing parents to directly contact after school club and vice versa. We will also have a texting service commencing in a few weeks. Allowing school to directly contact all parents instantly regarding things such as school closure, reminders about letters/events etc.
5. Governor's responsibilities were re-structured. Each Governor will now take on one of the Ofsted guidelines (Outcomes for pupils, Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare, Leadership and Management and Early Years) as their responsibility and will monitor its development through visits to the school, book trawls, speaking to children, speaking to staff, observing lessons/playtimes etc. Governors will complete written reports that will be shared with staff and governors.
 6. Committees were also reviewed and will stay the same apart from the addition of Chris Jessop to the Finance Committee.
 7. Link Governors were confirmed as:

Special Educational Needs: John McPhee

Children's Issues: Peter Cox and John McPhee

Training and Development: Peter Cox

Shropshire Schools Governors Committee: Chris Jessop

8. Pete Ball reported on the Finance Committee outlining:

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- He shared the budget monitoring form, which shows we are below clawback and in a sound position financially.
9. Peter Cox reported on the Curriculum Committee:
- Dave Tinker had provided a comprehensive attainment and pupil progress report and all is on track within school.
 - A new assessment system will be introduced in school. Allowing teachers to analyse pupil's results over time on a very finely tuned basis.
10. Dave Tinker gave the Head Teacher's Report to the Governors detailing progress within school and updating Governors on whole school issues:
- Progresses towards all targets set out in the School Development Plan have progressed steadily. New assessment materials have been procured, the school has brought into the Shropshire library service and data has been evaluated to help raise pupil's attainment in reading, writing and mathematics.
 - Attainment data from 2016 shows the school out perform the national and Shropshire figures in all areas (Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling), for Key Stage 1, 2 and Early Years (Reception). Well done everyone.
 - Results from the recent parent survey were shared. These can be found on the Internet and were on display at the recent parents meeting. Results overall were very good with only two issues arising; homework and information on children's progress. The school will seek further clarification on these issues.
11. Admission arrangements for 2018/19 will remain at 12.
12. John McPhee has completed the termly Safeguarding Assurance visit and all issues have been addressed.
13. Feedback was given on parental dialogue this term and any actions taken were reported.
14. A verbal report was submitted by Dave Tinker regarding Extended Schools and we were pleased to hear of the appointment of Kate Castle as Extended Schools Co-ordinator.

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The above is a brief overview of what was discussed in the full Governing Body meeting. We hope this is of interest to you and gives you an insight into what goes on behind the scenes at Brockton C.E. Primary School. Should you wish to see more detail, the approved minutes are available in the office to read in school.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the various events over the next few weeks. Please feel free to speak with myself or any other governors about any queries, comments etc. you have.

Many thanks

Amber Byrne
Chair of Governors

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