

# Churchfields Governor Newsletter

September 2016

## **Governors at Churchfields**

Last school year we saw some changes in the Governing Body at Churchfields, with Andrew, Shauna, Alison and James stepping down. We would like to thank them all for their dedication, hard work and valued contributions over their time in office.

We welcome new governors Clare Snook Lumb as parent governor and Chris Harvey from Woodlands Adventurers as a co-opted governor.

The Governing Body (GB) at Churchfields is recruiting and we are looking for up to three people. Please contact Helen Forsyth ([helen@findacreativepro.com](mailto:helen@findacreativepro.com)) to find out a little more (no commitment, but please get in touch!).

Current governors are: Althea Lee, Tom Wall, Helen Forsyth, Marsha Mars, Lynne Spencer, Richard Frost, Andrea Liddiard, Carys Ottner, Simon Futchter, Clare Snook-Lumb and Chris Harvey.

## **Academies**

As whether to be an academy or not has been in the news recently, it is only natural that with children in school we are all interested in the debate.

As governors we need to be as fully informed as possible about this area before we make any decisions regarding the future for Churchfields. We must act to remain in control, be very open with all the parties involved, do our homework and get it right first time.

The next couple of years will see much work being done in this area, it is our responsibility to the children to get it right for our school. In September we will begin

a process of consultation with the other schools in our area to explore what any changes may mean for us. If you would like to be involved - please let us know.

## **Pupil Attainment - the picture without Curriculum Levels**

The Department of Education announced recently that there would no longer be National Curriculum levels, and that schools would have to set up their own way of assessing pupils. We have heard from Mr Futchter and the other teachers how they spent a long time researching various different methods of assessing pupils, and that even though the national framework is in a time of uncertainty our children's progress has been followed closely through the year. We hope the reports you received at the end of last term regarding your children are testament to this.

2016 was the first year that our previous year two and six pupils undertook the new end of Key Stage assessments. We are immensely proud of their achievements. At a whole school level, we are unable to make comparison with previous years under the new system although a notable strength of the school was our performance in reading. Mr Futchter and the staff are already planning improvements in teaching and learning for this academic year using all assessment information available.

## **Building at Atworth**

The construction of the building being built with the legacy money at Atworth has been slightly delayed, but we are starting in the Autumn term.

## **Amphitheatre at MF**

Plans for the amphitheatre are now finalised and the procurement process for the construction is now taking place. We hope that the construction will be completed in the coming weeks. The head and governors are making links with the local creative community and with the Theatre Royal Bath to ensure we can make the most of this amazing resource.

## **Huge thanks to the hard working Churchfields PTA**

At the beginning of last year, the PTA approached the Senior Leadership team at the school and asked for a 'wish list' of days out, equipment and resource which would support an enriched approach to learning at Churchfields. The ideas were suggested to support 'whole school' engagement, so that all pupils could be excited by the launch of each new topic, experiencing them in a way over and above standard classroom teaching. A target was set at £4700, but in fact over £5600 was achieved and it is this funding which helps the school to subsidise events like the recent trip to Longleat, earlier in the year with @Bristol and so very much more.

At Churchfields, we are extremely proud to have an excellent PTA who always fundraise with unprecedented level of energy, enthusiasm and commitment. Our PTA are exceptional and we thank them for giving the children at Churchfields so much fun!

Have a great first term at Churchfields.

Warm regards  
Helen

**Helen Forsyth - Chair of Governors**