

Churchfields Governor Newsletter

February 2017

Governors at Churchfields

We recently saw the retirement of two valued members of the governing body. We would like to thank Althea Lee and Richard Frost for their dedication, hard work and important contributions over their time in office.

We welcome new governors Hannah Duffy as Local Authority Governor, Rob Hamilton as Parent Governor, Carol Kemp and Ed Latimer Sayer as co-opted governors.

Current governors are: Clare Snook-Lumb, Chris Harvey, Tom Wall, Helen Forsyth (chair), Marsha Mars, Lynne Spencer, Andrea Liddiard, Carys Ottner, Simon Futcher, Hannah Duffy, Rob Hamilton, Carol Kemp and Ed Latimer Sayer.

Role of Governors

Churchfields Governing Body (GB) delivers strategic leadership by considering and planning for the long term 'health' of this school, its pupils and its people. We are here to provide leadership which sets out and champions our values, ethos and in detail, the school's strategic direction.

The GB works with the Head and Senior Leadership team to look at accountability of results and progress, driving up standards for both educational and financial performance. We ensure our children are receiving the best possible standard of teaching.

Having a strategy at the start of the year means monitoring progress throughout the year. We meet and evaluate data and other information, to monitor and where possible improve the quality and impact of the strategy. We also monitor our effectiveness, as a Governing Body.

An essential area for the GB to enforce is compliance, Churchfields has statutory and contractual obligations to fulfil, Safeguarding Children is just one example.

The GB also must consider the people element, making sure we ourselves have the right skills, experience, qualities and capacity – being a governor is a highly rewarding role, but it requires commitment and dedication. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Headteacher Mr Futcher, or Chair of Governors Helen Forsyth (via Mr Futcher).

News from Churchfields

We welcomed Archdeacon Sue Groom into school this term. Sue is relatively new to her post and is carrying out a programme of school visits across her archdeaconry. She was very complimentary about our school following her tour of both sites. Sue led a collective worship at each base, teaching the children actions to the Lord's Prayer which the children enjoyed.

News from Atworth

We are delighted that our outdoor classroom is now ready for use. The staff have started to order new furniture to enhance this amazing learning space which can be used for group and one to one work. As space is always at a premium in school, this is an extremely welcome addition!

News from MF

Now that our amphitheatre has been completed, the staff are eagerly planning for its use over the coming terms. We will be inviting music/drama specialists into school to support us make the very most of this impressive learning resource. Watch this space!

Warm regards
Helen

Helen Forsyth - Chair of Governors on behalf of the full governing body