



## Governors newsletter Summer Half Term



The warm weather is thankfully upon us as we move well into our summer term and there is lots of work by the governors to report.

We welcome Carlie Huddleston as our new clerk and Danielle Saunders as a new parent governor. There is still a vacancy on our governing board so contact us for more information if you are interested. As a governor you don't need a set of specific skills and we offer training and development throughout your time as a governor. The role involves providing strategic leadership and accountability which we do by ensuring the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategy for developing, is financially stable and is well run by the Headteacher and her leadership team. The time commitment can vary but is between 5-8 hours a month, the amount of time will be dependent on which committee you sit on and any specific pieces of work you volunteer for.



### **We have been focusing on the budget and monitoring visits since our last newsletter**



We have approved the school budget for the next year (2022-23), this is done by the full governing body and is a key responsibility for governors. Each year we make sure the school is using the funding it receives in the best way possible to meet the educational and wellbeing needs of the current children and maintain and improve the school buildings and grounds.



To enable Governors to see the impact of the school's strategic priorities, we have been busy conducting a range of in person monitoring visits. Recent visits include: reading and phonics, behaviour and attitudes, early years foundation stage, pupil progress meetings and safeguarding. Each monitoring visit consists of a visit to the school to see the topic in action - this might be walking around the school or observing a class. We talk to the appropriate teachers asking them key questions, we talk to children in the class and ask them for their views, we also talk to the Headteacher. All our monitoring visits are written up and we report them at our committee meetings. They are a really interesting part of being a governor and are a key way for us to know what is going on at the school. They help us to make sure that the school is working in the way it should.

To find out more about any of the things we are doing or our vacancies please contact us on  
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