

# Governor Newsletter

June 2018

## Summer Term update from Your Governors

We currently have two Parent Governor Vacancies and welcome nominations by 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The Church has also appointed a new Foundation Governor, Audrey Williams who we are looking forward to welcoming into our team.

Our headlines this Summer term...

### Strategic Partnership Collaboration

We are celebrating our collaborative work with our partner church schools, Tipton St John Primary, Feniton Primary and St Martins (Cranbrook), who we have been working with closely over recent months. In order to further strengthen this partnership, we now have an agreement in place. A copy of our announcement letter can be found on our webpage of the school website.

### Pressures on our budget

Our focus in recent months has been on our budget. Whilst staff pay increases, funding for schools does not. Devon is now the fourth lowest funded county in the UK, with each Devon pupil worth £375 less than the national average (whilst staff pay is set nationally). Governors have had to make some difficult decisions based on many uncertainties and will continue to monitor this area closely.

### Forest School/Environmental area update – coming soon!

### Cleaning up

Our expanding school has put a strain on our cleaning and site staff. We have now contracted this function out to Devon Norse and we hope you will notice a positive difference over the coming months.

### Thank you....

Our school is extremely fortunate to have a fantastic PTFA who work so hard to raise money through our Fundraising events. This is valued more than ever with our tight budget and all your money is ploughed back in to the school, supporting trips and visits and buying essential new resources. The Governors would like to say a heartfelt '**Thank You**' to **Shelley Dixon**, who is stepping down from her role as Chair of PTFA, and indeed to all PTFA families and staff who give up their time to help raise money for our school.

We're looking forward to the circus in July!

### Policies reviewed and adopted this term - available to view on the website:

Complaints Procedure  
Safeguarding Policy  
Staff Discipline policy  
Staff Grievance Policy

Animals in School Policy  
Acceptable Behaviour Policy  
Health and Safety Policy  
Privacy Notice/GDPR Policies

### Chair of Governors:

Alison Cooper

### Parent Governors:

Vacancy

Vacancy

Andrew Holder

### Staff Governor:

Jenny Hooper

### Foundation Governors:

Fr Robert Sellers

Sue Humphries

Audrey Williams

### Co-Opted Governors:

Alison Cooper

Helen Fenner

Alison Rich

Jo Wibberley

Mark Wilson

Nick Pearce

Vacancy

### Associate Governors:

Emma Jones

Amanda Pope

Clare Hollingsworth

### LA Governor:

Claire Babbage

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### **Contact us:**

*There are a number of ways to communicate with us:*

1. You can speak to parent-governors during the school run.
2. You can email us: [acooper@wrpschool.org](mailto:acooper@wrpschool.org)
3. You can write to any of us via the School Reception
4. Use the 'contact us' form on the website – your message will be passed on.