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Via the school office (01926 640397).

In person:

Whenever you see us... in the playground, or at one of our events. You will find our photos below to help you recognise us!

Chair's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I complete my first year as the chair, I pause for reflection on what a year it has been. The autumn term was filled with focusing on our 5 year plan. The spring term saw the arrival of COVID-19 and the amazing efforts of the school team reacting to many new challenges and new ways of working. During the summer term we have been able to accommodate many children back at school. Whilst we are far from the normal experience of school, this has been superb effort by all the team to support all our pupils whether face to face or virtually.

From a governor perspective our work was restricted to critical elements only and our meetings became virtual to purely cover essential items. What do we mean by essential items? Firstly, the review of the budget for the coming year, and secondly understanding the requirements of the Performance & Standards committee for which we are guided by our local authority. Both committees include their update later in our newsletter.

At the end of this school year Gaye Archer completes her term as governor for our school. On behalf of the pupils, Staff and governors I would like to thank her for her dedication and her commitment to the school in particular in her leading of the Performance and Standards committee where she has driven a strong focus on monitoring. Thank you, Gaye, for all your years of service you will be missed.

James May, associate governor has decided to stand down as a governor. We would like to thank him for his valued inputs and contributions over his time with the Governing Board and wish him all the best.

Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. We enable our school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide excellent education to children. The work of our governing board is essential to the future success of our school.

As with any board of this type the importance of new individuals joining the team is crucial to maintain a board with a wide range of experiences. Our focus is to support the school team with continued knowledge and governing experience to ensure our governing team is always at its best to support our school. For that reason, we regularly have vacancies within our board. I encourage you to consider joining us and ask if you would kindly circulate the advert in your place of work or amongst friends and neighbours. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about being a governor please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the serving governors. I have included an advert at the end of the newsletter.



Governor Newsletter

July 2020



As we close this academic year, I would like to recognise the amazing work the entire school staff have achieved in un-precedented time, we wish you all a well-deserved break over the summer ready for the challenges of the new academic year.

On behalf of the governing board I wish you all a healthy summer and look forward to the start of the new year in September where hopefully we can return to a more normal school approach.

Judith

MINUTES FOR ALL OF THE GOVERNOR'S MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE, OR BY CONTACTING JUDITH AT THE ABOVE EMAIL ADDRESS.

Meet the Parents – Coffee Morning / Evening

Under normal circumstances the Governors would offer the opportunity to meet / chat with representatives of the Governing Board for a cup of coffee / tea and cake / biscuits. Unfortunately due to the continued COVID-19 situation we cannot go ahead, and as such we will advise in due course when we can rearrange. In the meantime, if you have any questions or thoughts you would like to share with us, please use the email address on the front page.

Summer Parents' Questionnaire

In the summer term the Governors usually conduct their Annual Parent Questionnaire. This is an important opportunity to hear from parents and carers about matters that directly affect them and their children at the school.

We ask the same questions each year with an additional question that reflects the issues of that year in order that we can benchmark the responses and show how things have improved or otherwise since the previous year.

Again, unfortunately due to the continued COVID-19 situation, we have postponed this to a more appropriate time.



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Update from the Committees:

Report from the Performance and Standards Committee – June 2020:

This term has been very unusual with most children not in class for much of the time so school has focused on children's health and well-being rather than monitoring their academic progress and achievement. It seems likely that next term will not see us back to full monitoring either, certainly we shall have no SATs information to give a picture of end of Key Stage progress and attainment. But I have no doubt that the commitment and expertise of the staff at Kineton Primary School will ensure high quality learning once school is able to function properly.

It has been a pleasure to serve on this committee and I wish you all health and happiness.

All the best

Gaye

Gaye Archer – Chair of Performance and Standards

Resources and Finance Committee:

This term our focus has been on the annual budget process. Mrs Lalande-Villemin, our School Business Manager has worked closely with Mrs Pollard to review all our school needs. We have had a change in Local Authority finance support which has also brought new challenges which have been worked through. With the ongoing support we have had from the Friends of Kineton Primary School this year we have been able to focus on our IT infrastructure. Whilst we had planned to update our IT equipment for both pupils and staff in school, the timing and implementation has enabled us to support the teachers at an extremely important time. New equipment has enabled them to work from home much more easily, to provide high quality home learning opportunities for the children and to engage online with both children and their parents.

We are in a fortunate position at the moment with our budget but looking ahead we need to keep in mind new challenges and requirements from the autumn term. Likewise we have been supported well previously by all the amazing events Friends organise and parents and families support. These activities are limited now and for the foreseeable future and will impact our budget over the coming years in terms of those additional offerings these funds bring.

Amanda Collins – Chair of Resources and Finance

Foundation Governors - Overview of SIAMS

(Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, the SIAMS assessment has been delayed. The working party continues to meet and will give an update in the Autumn term.



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Kineton C of E Primary School is currently looking for associate governors to join our governing board.

Our school has an Ofsted rating of 'good' with outstanding leadership and we are seeking governors with a range of backgrounds, skills and experience who share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.














We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements
- We would particularly welcome applications from people with a finance or HR background or skills

These volunteer positions are open to all members of our community.

If you are interested or would like to find out more information please do not hesitate to contact Judith Price (price.j6@welearn365.com).

Governing Board 2019/20

 <p>Judith Price Chair of Governors</p>	 <p>Amanda Collins Vice-Chair & Chair of Resources & Finance</p>	 <p>Gaye Archer Chair of Performance & Standards Committee</p>	 <p>Margaret Pollard Headteacher</p>
 <p>Katie Barritt Staff Governor</p>	 <p>Janet Nelson Chair of Premises Committee Safeguarding (e-safety)</p>	 <p>Rev. Barry Jackson Ex-officio</p>	 <p>Lyn Tribe Foundation Governor and Safeguarding</p>
 <p>James May Associate Governor</p>	 <p>Elizabeth Walsham-Gray Parent Governor</p>	 <p>Sophie Lee Parent Governor</p>	 <p>Lucy Bosley Foundation Governor</p>
 <p>Helen Sayers SEND Governor</p>			