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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

As we approach the end of the first term of this academic year, I would like to recognise on behalf of the Governing Board the outstanding dedication, innovation and support Mrs Pollard and her entire team have displayed to safely and successfully re-open our school during the current pandemic. This has been achieved whilst also ensuring that all the children are happy continuing to attend school and make progress in their learning.

The Governing Board in particular has focused on how well the children have restarted at the school, and if there are any identified gaps in a child's learning how they are supported to catch up. The Governing Board will continue to monitor closely the pupils' progress and the spending of the 'Catch-up' funding the school has been allocated to assist with this.

I am pleased to welcome new members to the Governing Board. Kate Brookes has joined as the new Parent Governor. Then we have four new associate governors, Harrison White, Clare Lawrence, Ann-Marie Landi and Sophie Knee-Higgins. We will introduce them to you over the next few newsletters. As we have new people joining, we have shuffled some memberships of committees; please see at the end of this newsletter a list of all members and the committees they serve on. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about becoming a governor, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am also pleased to announce that Lyn Tribe and Lucy Bosley have been appointed as co-chairs of the Performance and Standards committee. This is a great opportunity to share the workload as well as enable the committee to benefit from their wide-ranging skill set.

The governors have been working with the Senior Leadership Team to review and revise the 5 Year Strategy for our school. The key focus areas are:

- Learning outside the classroom
- Developing and supporting our Christian Foundation
- Pupil and staff achievement
- Supporting mental health, wellbeing and physical health of all
- Supporting and growing with our local and wider community

The Strategy Plan is available on the school website should you wish to read it. This strategy paper is then broken down into annual goals in the School Improvement Plan (SIP).

Thank you again to the teaching and non-teaching staff of the school for all their hard work and to the parents and carers for supporting the different approaches the school has had to take over this term.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Judith

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



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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 are still unable to advise when we can rearrange this. In the meantime, if you have any questions or thoughts you would like to share with us, please use the contact details or email address on the front page:

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Summer Parents' Questionnaire / Parents' Evening Feedback

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, this was unable to take place.

In the spring newsletter were able to give you the feedback from the questions we asked at parents' evening that term. As you are all aware, parents' evening this term was a little different, with meetings taking place virtually to minimise the risk of COVID-19. As such, unfortunately there was no opportunity to ask for feedback, but we hope to do so in the near future.



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Update from the Committees:

Report from the Performance and Standards Committee:

Lyn Tribe and myself took over the Chair position of this committee during this term and we'd like to thank Gaye Archer, who was the previous chair.

This term our focus has been looking at the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and mapping out our monitoring schedule. As you all know, it has been an unusual time and we are hoping to carry out some in-person and remote monitoring of key subjects. Within English we are planning to monitor the impact of Accelerated Reader and the new pupil reading books in KS1. Within maths, we will be looking at the impact of new KIRFS (which are in the Home School Diary and in the Home Learning Policy). We will be monitoring the impact of these across the whole school in pupils' mental maths and their rapid recall of number facts. Thank you for supporting your children with these.

As we had no summer data, we are in the process of looking at the school data from the autumn term and looking at whether the closure of the school due to lockdown has had an effect on pupils' learning and how the school is planning to close any learning gaps.

We wish you all a merry, safe Christmas and will look forward to speaking to as many of you as possible over the coming weeks as we strive to ensure that all pupils have the best learning experience at our wonderful school.

Lucy Bosley & Lyn Tribe – Co-Chairs of Performance and Standards

Report from the Resources and Finance Committee:

During November we had our autumn term meeting to review our school finances. We are still in a great position, however our pupil numbers have decreased and we will need to manage our budget carefully as we continue to plan our next 3 years.

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter we have been very fortunate to have new governors join our board. Harrison White and Ann-Marie Landi have joined this committee and Elizabeth Walsham-Gray has also moved over. Sophie Knee-Higgins will join us in the new year.

Alli Lalonde-Villemin, our School Business Manager, continues to give us amazing support on this committee and I would like to acknowledge her dedication and hard work to managing the school finances on a day to day basis.

As you all know, our Friends committee are normally able to support our school through a wide variety of activities which help us in so many ways such as funding school trips, learning logs for every child and supporting those bigger projects. I am pleased to confirm that we have been able to utilise these funds in the IT improvements we have needed this year. However, as we are not able to hold our usual events currently, Friends are working hard to raise much-needed funds in other ways using initiatives such as the Christmas tree trail and a new 100 Club. Please help support these where you can, it makes such a difference to the children in our school. Remember that you can support Friends at no cost to you through one easy click when shopping on Amazon. Simply search for smile.amazon.co.uk and select 'Friends of Kineton Primary School' as your chosen charity. The website is exactly the same, and 'Friends' receive a donation for every purchase made.

Amanda Collins – Chair of Resources and Finance

Foundation Governors – Report on SIAMS

(Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)



helps us to grow and we are the seeds blooming and growing as we reach our full potential.

The children have harvested their crops and have reaped lots of seeds this autumn. They are saving them ready to plant in the spring.

Before lockdown, we were ready and anticipating our school undertaking a SIAMS inspection, which has now been delayed due to Coronavirus. We are proud of our school's Christian vision for pupils and adults and we were pleased to share our Bible story which we have adopted as a school. This bible story is The Parable of the Sower which draws upon the idea of children being the seed and the soil. We are like God's soil which



'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10)

Our link with St. Peter's Church is as strong as ever. We were truly blessed to



have Rev Alex Williams with us for three years and were sad to see her leave us at the end of the summer. She generously shared her valuable gifts across school life. She truly believed in our school and church Christian Vision. **'We all aspire to believe, grow and achieve as we strive to become who God calls us to be while living life in all its fullness.'** We know that she will bring God's love, peace and joy to all in her new parish in West Kirby.

Thank you Rev Barry for personalising a harvest celebration for each year group. The children will also be visiting Church in classes on the final day of term for a Christmas service.

We also were delighted that pupils managed to make it to a safe, bubbled Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church.



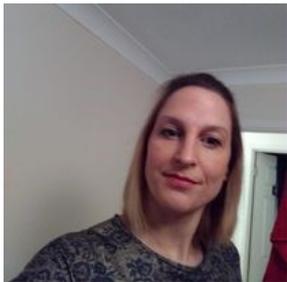
Lucy Bosley *Foundation Governor*

and

Lauren Fincham, *R.E. Leader*



Governing Board 2020/2021

 <p>Judith Price Chair of Governors</p>	 <p>Amanda Collins Vice-Chair Chair of Resources and Finance</p>	 <p>Margaret Pollard Headteacher</p>	 <p>Lyn Tribe Foundation Governor Co-Chair of Performance and Standards and Safeguarding</p>
 <p>Katie Barritt Staff Governor Performance and Standards</p>	 <p>Janet Nelson Chair of Premises Committee Safeguarding (e-safety)</p>	 <p>Rev. Barry Jackson Ex-officio</p>	 <p>Lucy Bosley Foundation Governor, Co-Chair of Performance & Standards</p>
 <p>Elizabeth Walsham-Gray Parent Governor Resources and Finance</p>	 <p>Kate Brookes Parent Governor Performance and Standards</p>	 <p>Helen Sayers SEND Governor Performance and Standards</p>	 <p>Sophie Lee Co-Opted Governor Resources and Finance</p>
<p>Harrison White Associate Governor Resources and Finance</p>	 <p>Clare Lawrence Associate Governor Performance & Standards</p>	<p>Annmarie Landi Associate Governor Resources and Finance</p>	<p>Sophie Knee-Higgins Associate Governor Resources and Finance</p>

Meet The New Governors

Kate Brooks – Parent and EYFS Governor



I am really pleased to be appointed a parent governor for Kineton Primary School. I live with my husband Scott and two boys Max and Will. We moved to the village 5 years ago when our eldest was just a few months old. We wanted to be closer to family and were keen to do a house renovation - Kineton was in the right location and we found the right house!

Max has just started in Reception. He is already loving school, which I think is testament to the team at Kineton, considering the unusual transitioning that has taken place this year. I am a member of the Kineton Toddler Group committee too and I love sewing, pottery and getting out and about with the boys on long walks and family bike rides.

My husband and I graduated in Cartography, however, I retrained 11 years ago to become a teacher and I currently work part time in Year 1 at a primary school in Leamington having previously been Head of Early Years and KS1 and SENCO. I have joined the Performance and Standards committee as the EYFS Governor and I look forward to working with everyone to support the school in continuing their exciting journey.



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Clare Lawrence – Associate Governor, Performance & Standards



My daughter Amy is currently in Year 2 at Kineton Primary School and I have been impressed by the way the school has supported her development, academically and socially. Amy and I moved from Nottingham in 2016 and have settled nicely into village life. Kineton is a warm and friendly place and this is seen through the ethos the school perpetrates.

I am a secondary school English teacher of 17 years. During that time, I have developed pastoral and curriculum development experience in a range of schools. As part of the governing body, I am looking forward to using my experience to support the school and the local community in the best way I can. Furthermore, I intend to learn more from this and develop my skills in supporting school improvement.



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A Bit About What We Do

Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school, this includes 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 discuss 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. We have included the words from our previous advert below:

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).