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Chair's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we're at the end of the school year! I think it's the first one since the pandemic that has felt like we're no longer in a pandemic. There are big differences to how life was before though and our conversations as governors are often underpinned by an interest in the wellbeing of the children who attend our school and their families.

Understanding the views of parents and carers is really important and Michelle Cahill, one of our parent governors, may have approached you in the playground last week with a mini survey focused on your thoughts and feelings about mental health and learning support for your child or children. We have also recently heard from pupils and staff via their surveys.

As well as coming into school for our monitoring work and reviewing performance data, hearing from children, staff and parents is the most helpful way governors can understand the overall picture of how things are at school. The annual parent survey is live until the end of the school year. We'd be really grateful if you could take some time to respond as we will review all feedback in September and this will help inform our strategy review and monitoring work in the 2023-24 academic year.

This term we have carried out some monitoring to gain insights into progress of the School Improvement Plan. Governors with monitoring responsibilities have been into school to hear about the progress being made and reported back to all governors at our meeting this week.

I was delighted to welcome Nicola Field as our newly elected Staff Governor in May and at our meeting this week we approved an application for Associate Governor from Melanie Matthews who has considerable experience as a governor and through staff roles she has held in other schools.



Governor Newsletter

Summer 2023



We have been part of the Stour Federation Multi Academy Trust for the past year and whilst you may not have noticed many changes, we are starting to see some of the benefits of the opportunities this brings across the Trust and for our school. For example, best practice is being shared in both directions and this is and will continue to positively impact outcomes for children.

Finally, on a most positive note, Governors were delighted with the outcome of our SIAMS inspection. It was a real reflection of how our 'committed leaders, supported by dedicated staff, enable all to flourish in an inclusive Christian community built on love.' For me personally, it was a good reminder of why I became a governor - I felt very proud to be able to share in the recognition of some of the amazing things about our school. If you haven't read the report yet, you can find it [here](#). Special thanks to Miss Fincham who has led improvements in this area over the past few years.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

Best wishes,

Sophie Knee-Higgins

Chair of Governors, Kineton Primary School

Parent's Survey

As Sophie has said above, hearing the views of pupils, staff and parents really helps the school understand your important perspectives and from a Governor's point of view allows us to create strategic direction and embed your feedback into monitoring plans. The parent survey was shared recently and is open until the end of term, we look forward to reviewing the input and would request anyone yet to complete it to take the time to have your voice heard.

[Parent Survey](#)

Performance & Standards Update

We continue to monitor areas identified in the School Improvement Plan, and this term have monitored children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). We found books across the year groups showed an excellent range of work and clear evidence of progress.

We also monitored R.E. where some of the Reflective Journals were excellent and we are encouraged to see deeper thinking.

We plan to be reviewing Maths, Early Years and Foundation subjects before the end of term.

Sally Stanton

Performance & Standards Lead

Resource & Finance Update

I have met with Mrs Lalande-Villemin, the school business manager, to discuss the accounts this week. Now we are part of the Stour Federation MAT, financial processes are different. We receive monthly management accounts which provide us with more up to date information on a monthly basis and enable us to predict where any issues may lie in the months ahead. We are currently in a strong position.

The most recent management accounts have been useful to help school begin to set the budget for the next academic year and beyond. With the recent government agreement on teachers' pay and partial associated funding to schools to meet these anticipated increased costs, we will be finalising figures over the summer break.

Elizabeth Walsham-Gray

Resource & Finance Lead

Meet the Governors – Nicola Field (Staff Governor)



After teaching at Kineton Primary School for many years, I felt that I would like to take the opportunity to become part of the governing body and find out about the important work that goes on behind the scenes. I have previously been a parent governor in my daughters' school and been a trustee of a local preschool too. I am passionate about Early Years, supporting children with settling into our school and learning through play. As part of my role, I am very interested in supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disability.

Outside school, I spend lots of time with my family. I have two daughters and enjoy spending time with them in the local countryside with our ponies. I love music and have recently joined a local choir with my youngest daughter.

I have always been impressed by the level of skill and dedication demonstrated by our school governing body and hope that I can help and learn from this great team.

Meet the Governors – Jennie May (Associate Governor)



I'm really happy to join the governing body at Kineton Primary School. My husband and I have lived in Kineton for almost 20 years and have a daughter (Rosie) who's just finishing Year 2. I decided that I wanted to join the governing body of the school to learn more about education, in general, but specifically have some input and involvement with Kineton Primary School, which has given Rosie such a strong start to her school career. I hope I can help to contribute to the continued positivity of the school and the opportunities available to the pupils.

When we first moved to Kineton we started building friendships with those (crazy) folks walking dogs in the dark early morning during the winter months. Unfortunately, our dog is no longer with us but our friendships have remained and we are now lucky enough to be building more friendships associated with Rosie, Kineton Playgroup and the school. I've also been a pupil at Intadance for nearly as long as I've lived in the village so some people may have spotted me performing tap dancing routines in the village hall or the Victorian night events.

I work full time for a pharmaceutical company called Regeneron. I've been in the pharmaceutical industry for over 20 years and have focused my career in Regulatory Operations, the department ensuring that applications to obtain approval to sell a drug within a country comply with the relevant health authority requirements. My primary focus is on process management ensuring the Regulatory Department is using technology in the most efficient and compliant way to manage these applications. I'm hoping that my experience in such a regulated industry will serve me well on the board of Governors.

I'm looking forward to learning more about the school, the role of the body and working alongside the team to promote the best possible environment for the children who attend.

Current Governing Body 2022/2023



Sophie Knee-Higgins
Chair of Governors



Helen Sayers
Vice-Chair
Foundation and SEND
Governor



Margaret Pollard
Headteacher



Nicola Field
Staff Governor



Elizabeth Walsham-Gray
Foundation Governor
Resources and Finance
Lead



Janet Nelson
Chair of Premises
Committee
Safeguarding (e-safety)
Foundation Governor



Rev. Barry Jackson
Ex-officio



Sally Stanton
Foundation Governor
Performance and
Standards Lead



Michelle Cahill
Parent Governor



Adam Sharpe
Parent Governor



Judy Ashton
Foundation Governor
Safeguarding Lead



Kate Brookes
Co-opted Governor



Jill Lawrence
Associate Governor



Judith Price
Associate Governor



Jennie May
Associate Governor