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Via the school office (01926 640397).

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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,

At the end of the school year, there's always a pause for both reflection and looking forward to our plans for next year. The last meeting of the Local Academy Council (LAC) was on 16th July, and we had lots of monitoring to discuss, which reflects the work of governors during the term, as well as considering the budget for the coming school year. We have also reviewed recent performance data which represents outcomes for children. We use this information to gain assurance that the leadership team are focussed on the right priorities in next year's School Improvement Plan. On that note, on behalf of the whole LAC, I would like to express our gratitude for all the hard work of our dedicated staff team throughout the school year. So much goes unseen to keep the school running.

We have seen some significant change in our approach to delivering the curriculum this year and this takes time for staff and children to adjust to. We are excited to see the impacts this has as it becomes more effectively embedded.

Earlier this year we reviewed and updated the school strategy, which we set three years ago for a period of five years. Lots has changed in that time, so it needed an update to reflect our alignment to the MAT and our recent focus on sustainability (for example). We have already seen lots of benefits from accessing shared MAT resources since we joined the MAT.

At the recent sports day, you may have met some of our governors who were supporting Friends by serving drinks and pastries throughout the games and races. Hearing from parents helps shape our conversations and understanding of school life so please reach out with any reflections or questions you'd like to share.

Governors were very pleased to hear about Janet Nelson being awarded the British Empire Medal in the King's Birthday Honours for her services as governor of our school. We are so very lucky to have her continued support after so many years of service, not only as a governor but as a member of the school community.

Finally, while still feeling reflective, I want to thank our team of governors who all have a role to play in the work of the LAC. They diligently and professionally carry out the things they are responsible for. Special thanks in particular to our amazing clerk, Sally, who keeps us all in check!

With very warm wishes for an enjoyable summer break (and hopefully some more sunshine too),

Sophie Knee-Higgins

Chair of Governors, Kineton Primary School



Governor Newsletter

Summer 2024



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

Performance & Standards Update

This year has seen the implementation of the new Cornerstones Curriculum, which is rooted in memorable, enjoyable learning experiences.

We monitored Maths this term where there has been a focus on retrieval and have found there seems to be a great improvement in the ability to recall key information and also in the confidence of the children.

There has been a focus on vocabulary this year. We are seeing evidence of the impact of revisiting past lessons and building on vocabulary and knowledge. Vocabulary walls are created in each classroom as words are visited throughout the year.

We have also attended some assemblies and found them engaging, interactive and linked to the vision and values of School.

Sally Stanton

Performance & Standards Lead

Finance Update

With the end of the academic and school financial year approaching, I have been involved with Mrs Pollard meeting the Trust team in preparing and setting our new budget for the new 2024/25 year. All schools face budget challenges and financial uncertainty in terms of government funding and the school's leadership is working hard to ensure the best financial outcomes to support your children.

To continue to implement the governors' strategic role of evaluating the effectiveness of spending decisions, Mrs Pollard and I meet monthly to review the school management accounts. The governors would also like to thank the PTA for their fund raising and ongoing support.

Melanie Mathews

Finance Lead

Sustainability Update

A successful meeting in school highlighted curriculum areas which already have connections with sustainability and collected some initial data regarding the school energy consumption. Further activities are required in the 24/25 academic year and it was agreed with Mrs. Mitchell-Hilton that a working group is required. If you are passionate or able to bring specific experience in leading action plans for sustainability then please do get in touch if you feel you are able to support us via the email address at the start of the newsletter.

Adam Sharpe

Sustainability Lead

News update from St Peter's Church - July 2024

St Peter's GIFT Project



GIFT offers support to people in need by facilitating or providing practical help, DIY, furniture, soft furnishings, white goods, carpets, essential cooking equipment, clothing, toys, transport, companionship, and much more.

Both single people and families have been supported and befriended by GIFT volunteers. Their reasons for requiring support are varied, for example, situational poverty, disability, bereavement, domestic violence, refugee status, depression, and dependency etc. GIFT worked closely with the agencies involved in the settlement of refugee families nearby and volunteers built up stocks of clothing and toys in readiness for future families as well as existing ones. Here, as well as soft furnishings, kitchen equipment and other essentials, UK lifestyle essentials such as mobile phones, laptops, cycles and more were necessary.

One person, managing without essential furniture and furnishings for a very long time said: *'It was wonderful to have furniture, really made a difference. The sofa and the chairs are so comfortable and to have somewhere to put things upstairs has been great. To have a bed to sleep in is amazing'.*

Another

'I came with nothing. GIFT helped a lot and gave me a future. We have a sofa, furniture, kitchen equipment. It would have taken me a very long time to get together what we need'.

GIFT has seen the face of a child alight with discovery when a box of toys has been delivered and a mother's smile when she was given crockery and cutlery, pots and pans and could begin to provide for her family again, and GIFT has witnessed a father's relief at the safety, security, and settling of his family.

GIFT has volunteers of many different faiths and beliefs that work together to help local people in need. If you'd be interested in helping, please contact Barry at revbarryjackson@btinternet.com

Current Governing Body 2023/2024



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Chair of Governors



Helen Sayers
Vice-Chair
Foundation and SEND
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Headteacher



Nicola Field
Staff Governor



Melanie Mathews
Foundation Governor
Finance Lead



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



Rev. Barry Jackson
Ex-officio



Sally Stanton
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Performance and
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Parent Governor



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