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Chair's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As of 20th March its officially Spring so happy Spring!

We've got lots to share in this newsletter as governors have been busy this term. We've been into school to do lots of monitoring of the School Improvement Plan. It's been great to hear how the new curriculum is becoming embedded and the impact it is having on pupils. We've also been keeping an eye on school finances and performance - there's more on this from some of our link governors.

Governors are always happy to talk with parents and carers so please get in touch with any of us if you'd like to know more about the work of governors or to share any feedback. We've been monitoring feedback from recent surveys so please take a moment to complete these when they hit your inbox.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Best wishes,

Sophie Knee-Higgins

Chair of Governors, Kineton Primary School



Governor Newsletter

Spring 2024



Performance & Standards Update

This year has seen the start of the new school curriculum. After two completed terms, we're looking forward to monitoring how it's progressing throughout the school, hearing about the topics being covered and enjoyable learning experiences. As part of this we will be looking at the progression of vocabulary as there is a focus on this.

We will also be monitoring Maths, with focus on embedding retrieval practice.

We want to ensure our pupils are flourishing and making good progress.

Sally Stanton

Performance & Standards Lead

Finance Update

A core role of the Governors is to oversee the financial performance of the school. As the new Finance Lead governor moving forward I hope to regularly meet with both Mrs Pollard and Mrs Schumann to develop a good financial understanding of the school and a sound ongoing monitoring process to inform the governing board.

Melanie Mathews

Finance Lead

News update from St Peter's Church - February 2024

St Peter's sits at the heart of a large network of **over 200 volunteers of many different faiths and beliefs**, that work together in our many different projects and activities. We run a large rural foodbank, a house to home project (GIFT), a bereavement café, a lunch club for the elderly, an after-school club, two youth groups, the Simply Play baby and toddler group, provide support for the school through volunteers and fundraising, and so much more. We also organise many different events and activities to help strengthen our village community, including a warm hub coffee morning, games evenings, concerts, and loads of things over meals

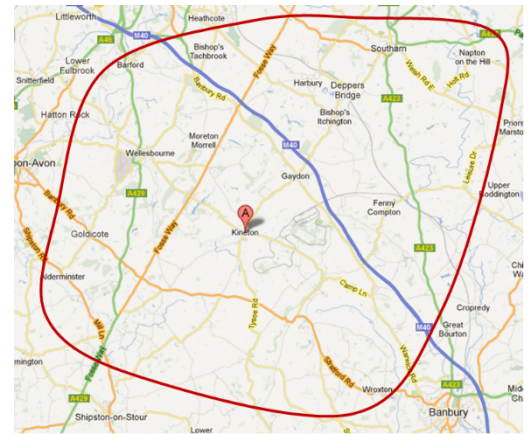


Much of this work of the church goes unseen, so to help raise awareness we'll be including occasional news items in the school and governor's newsletters to highlight some of the work we are doing.

This time we're focussing on the on the work of our Foodbank.

We founded Fosse Foodbank in 2012 and it provides support for people in crisis over a wide area of South Warwickshire.

With the impact of COVID and then the cost-of-living challenges, we've seen demand nearly triple over the last 4 years. ***In 2023 we provided over 1,685 food parcels (a 35% increase over 2022).*** On top of this we provide Christmas hampers and summer picnic hampers to many families on free school meals.



Some of the Christmas Hampers that the 'Foodbank Angels' put together for local families.

All this is only possible because of the generous donations of food from so many people in the area, and the dedicated work of many volunteers.

Thank you for the donations of food that you have sent in with your children at the Harvest and Christmas services. From time to time, we've had the joy of welcoming one of the school classes into church and got them involved in processing the food into the warehouse and making up food parcels. We look forward to doing more of this in the future.

Your donations and their involvement are not only a blessing to people in need, but they are a great way to help our children learn about the importance of caring for others.

Thank you again for your support.

Rev Barry Jackson

Attendance – Governor’s Newsletter

Being absent from school can make children anxious about missed work and about their return to lessons. It can also disrupt friendship groups adding to a child’s worry. Maximising attendance builds good habits that children can take on to secondary school and adulthood.

National data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standards in Year 6. This is compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage. Looking at the longer-term, pupils who have the highest levels of attendance regularly gain the best GCSE and A-level results. Evidence suggests that regular attendance at school improves children’s educational, economic, and social outcomes, which consequently contributes to better mental health and wellbeing.

The Government is currently focusing on attendance because there has been a reduction in the level of overall of attendance nationally following COVID. The Governors have also made attendance a priority. We have recently appointed Jill Lawrence as the Link Governor for Attendance. She will be supporting the school staff in this area.

However, ensuring that children are in school when they should be, must be a collaboration between parents and staff. Staff are there to support parents overcome any barriers to improving attendance, whatever the reason. Please speak to you child’s class teacher or our Pastoral Managers, Mrs Faulkner and Miss Herdman if you need support to get your child into school. In turn, parents can help by:

- Becoming familiar with the medical reasons for keeping children off school and when they should be in school. There is a link in the Parents section of the school website under the area called Attendance, giving details on this.
- Avoiding taking holidays in term time.
- Getting children into a good routine that includes getting to bed on time and having a breakfast that will prepare them for the day.
- Attending as many school events as they can, like assemblies, parents’ evenings, or social events. This helps to build relationships between school and home.
- Ensuring children are not late for school. Lateness can also cause disruption and anxiety for children.
- Being positive and enthusiastic about school. Children will pick up on this and it will have a good impact on their attendance.

Jill Lawrence
Attendance Lead

Meet the Governors – Jennie May



I joined the governors almost a year ago as an Associate and was lucky enough to introduce myself in one of our newsletters in 2023. At the start of this year there became a vacancy for a parent governor and I decided to take the plunge and become even more involved with the board of governors. I'm still very much finding my feet in the world of education and the role the governors play but have very much enjoyed the experience so far. My career for over 20 years has been in the very regulated pharmaceutical industry with my primary focus in recent years being process development and compliance. I'm hoping that my work-related experience will serve me well on the board of governors. I do manage to do the school run several times a week so please say hello if you spot me in the playground - I'm usually a little more windswept than in my photo but hopefully still recognisable!

Meet the Governors – Emma Richardson



You may know me as one of the ladies behind the window, but I am also mother to a child at Kineton Primary School, so becoming a staff governor was an opportunity I leapt at. It is so important to me, both personally and professionally. Working in the school office gives me a unique and privileged view into the day-to-day routines, successes and worries for staff, pupils and their families. My job involves so much more than answering the phones and emails, and I feel that a better understanding of how the organisation works can only bring positives to my role and my contribution to the school.

My family and I moved to the area from a city environment four years ago and, having grown up in the Peak District, I am really relishing being back in the countryside. When we first looked at primary schools, we were struck by how involved the wider community were in the activities of the school. As the saying goes "it takes a village to raise a child", and that passion is what ultimately led to us choosing Kineton Primary School for her. I want to do everything I can to help maintain that sense of community that we first felt when visiting the school.

At home life is just as busy as at work. Our house and garden are still very much works in progress. We have three dogs, a long-suffering cat and raise chickens. I am a keen cook and baker, and am lucky enough to have an orchard that provides me with lots of ingredients in autumn.

Current Governing Body 2023/2024



Sophie Knee-Higgins
Chair of Governors



Helen Sayers
Vice-Chair
Foundation and SEND
Governor



Margaret Pollard
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
Foundation Governor
Performance and
Standards Lead



Jennie May
Parent Governor



Adam Sharpe
Parent Governor



Judy Ashton
Foundation Governor
Safeguarding Lead



Kate Brookes
Co-opted Governor



Jill Lawrence
Associate Governor



Emma Richardson
Staff Governor