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Chair's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had wonderful and restful breaks over the holiday period and are now looking forward to Spring as much as I am!

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping you informed, I wanted to share some key updates from our recent Governors' meeting.

We are pleased to report that the school has seen some very encouraging progress in student outcomes, which we discussed during the meeting. The data reflects the hard work of both staff and students in embracing some new ways of learning across the curriculum. Additionally, we finalised our monitoring plan which is aligned with the School Improvement Plan, and Governors are looking forward to upcoming monitoring visits into school over the next few months, where we will be able to see firsthand the continued improvements and successes.

I also want to take this opportunity to share some bittersweet news with you. Mrs Pollard has informed us that she will be resigning at the end of this academic year. After 23 years of devoted teaching and leadership, she will be greatly missed by our entire school community. Mrs Pollard has been a pillar of support and inspiration, and we are deeply grateful for her tireless commitment to the school and its children. We wish Mrs Pollard every happiness in her future and look forward to concluding the academic year together.

As we begin the process of recruiting a new Head Teacher, I want to reassure you that this will be done in line with our school values. We are committed to following a robust recruitment process that ensures we appoint a leader who will build on the excellent work Mrs Pollard has done and continue to inspire the school community. We will keep you informed throughout the recruitment process.

Sophie Knee-Higgins

Chair of Governors, Kineton Primary School



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Reflection from Mrs. Pollard

Dear governors, staff, parents, and children,

It is with a mixture of emotions that I write to inform you of my decision to retire as headteacher of Kineton CE Primary School, effective from 31st August 2025.

This has been a decision that has come after much reflection. Looking back over the years, I am incredibly proud of what we have all achieved together. It has been a privilege to lead this school, and I feel truly fortunate to have worked alongside such a dedicated and passionate staff, wonderful children, and supportive parents. The sense of community that exists here in our village school has been the foundation of our success, and I have seen countless examples of how collaboration and care have made a real difference in the lives of our pupils.

As I reflect on the journey, I am filled with gratitude for the staff who have been unwavering in their commitment to the children, always going above and beyond to ensure that each child reaches their full potential. Parents, too, have played a crucial role in the life of the school, always ready to lend their support, time, and energy to the development of our school community. Of course, the children – their enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness have made every day rewarding, and I will always cherish the memories of watching them believe, grow and achieve.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the governors for their continued support, guidance, and trust over the years. Their commitment to the school and our shared vision have been invaluable in shaping the direction of our school.

As I prepare for retirement, I am pleased to say that the school is in a very strong position. With excellent staff, a strong curriculum, and a deep sense of purpose linked to its Christian foundation, I am confident that Kineton Primary will continue to go from strength to strength. I will work with the governors to ensure a smooth handover and will fully support my successor as they transition into this role. I know that the future is bright for our school, and I am excited to see the continued success and growth of the children, staff, and the whole school community in the years ahead.

Thank you all for making my time as headteacher such a rewarding and fulfilling experience. It has been an honour to serve this incredible school, and I will always look back on my time at Kineton Primary with fondness and pride.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Pollard

Headteacher

Kineton CE Primary School



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St. Peter's Update

Thursday 9th January was Meeting Point's 20th birthday!!!!

In January 2005, Sally Stanton, one of our Governors, started a charity coffee morning called "Meeting Point" on Thursday mornings in St Peter's Church, Kineton. Thursdays were her day off, and she used that time to help grow the community here.

It has become a village institution, bringing all sorts of people together and serving as a "warm hub" before warm hubs were a thing! Each week, Sally gets up and bakes her famous scones and a cake for the event.

Over the last twenty years, Sally has baked about 13,000 scones and raised over £18,000 for various charities, including the local scouts, playgroup, Friends of the Primary School, Shipston Home Nursing, and the Salvation Army.

Meeting Point continues to be open every Thursday in term time between 9 and 11 am, tea/coffee and cakes are free but donations are welcome.

Revd. Barry Jackson

Finance Update

The governors continue to have an oversight on budget expenditure. School budgets remain tight with little flexibility.

Capital allowances and initial grants have allowed the work on upgrading the fencing and security measures at the entrance to school, including planned enhancements to the pedestrian and vehicle gates onto the playground from the car park. Further funding has been applied for to support some key projects later in the year to replace the ageing boilers and also for work on the school roof, if we are successful relevant updates will follow in future newsletters.

Melanie Mathews

Finance Lead



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Attendance Update

The governors along with the Headteacher, teachers and all school staff continue their commitment to improving attendance, we know that good attendance has a strong link with good outcomes for children. This is a focus across all schools and follows a reduction in attendance levels nationally during the COVID and post-COVID period. School staff and some governors completed training on the newly introduced (August 2024) guidance from the Department of Education (DfE).

The guidance encourages everyone to work together to ensure children attend school, that includes parents, school staff and outside bodies. Our priority is to successfully address the root causes of absence and remove any barriers to attendance. We aspire to high standards of attendance from all our pupils. So if you have any concerns about the attendance of your child, please speak to a member of school staff.

If you are interested in reading the DfE guidance you can find it at www.gov.uk and search for School Attendance – Working together to improve school attendance.

Jill Lawrence

Attendance Lead

Sustainability Update

There have been two successful meetings of the newly established Sustainability Action Group with great support from the school and school community. Thank you to those who have given up their time join the group. We are in the process of submitting initial data into a Carbon Counting tool under the guidance of Jo Pettifer from Let's Go Zero. This will help baseline the school's position and provide direction for our action plan. Our next meeting in late January will see some suggested actions and set priorities for the coming year. Watch this space for more updates or reach out if you would like to understand how you could support.

Adam Sharpe

Sustainability Lead

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