

Governor Newsletter Worlebury St. Paul's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

July 2015

It has been a very busy year for the Governing Body of Worlebury St. Paul's.

In September we reconstituted as we were legally required to do. In simple terms this meant agreeing to reduce the number of governors from 18 to 14. The idea being that smaller governing bodies, equipped with the right skills and experience are more efficient and effective at governing the school. We currently have ten governors, so we are two parent and two Foundation (church appointed) governors short. If you are interested in finding out more about being a governor please do get in contact via the Chair of Governor's email below or speak to any governor (details on the school website).

Despite being short of governors, this year governors have become more visible and involved in school life. Governor visits focusing on health and safety, safeguarding, SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability), pupil premium, finance, headteacher's appraisal and pupil progress have all taken place along with visits for particular subjects and worship. Visits have been written up and circulated so all governors are aware of the visit observations. Governors have attended training across these areas so we are better equipped to challenge and support the school strategically.

Governors particularly enjoyed participating in World Book Day and Bible Stories Day. From this involvement the idea of having governors linked with individual classes was proposed and agreed. More information on this will be circulated early in the next academic year.

In January the governors agreed our new vision:

Worlebury St. Paul's - a school community where everyone participates, excels and has a love of learning; where we respect ourselves, one another and live life to the full, helping others to do the same.

Once we had agreed our vision we were able to focus on what is said to be the most important task a governing body will ever have to undertake - recruiting a new headteacher. Along with managing to successfully recruit Mrs. Michelle Bamford, a really positive outcome from the long and intensive process was how the governing body worked so well together and were united in our vision and shared passion for doing the very best for our pupils, staff and school community.

The governors are very much looking forward to working with and supporting Mrs. Bamford in the next chapter of our school's history and handover meetings have been taking place with Mrs. Quick to ensure a smooth transition.

Whilst there is much to look forward to, there cannot be the excitement of a new chapter without the sadness of having to say a final goodbye to Mrs. Quick. The governing body would like to thank Mrs. Quick for everything she has done for Worlebury St. Paul's, in particular, making real the vision of a full primary school which is such a lovely place to be in. We wish you well for a very happy retirement.

With best wishes to all our pupils, staff, families and members of our school community for a relaxing and enjoyable Summer, from Worlebury St. Paul's Governing Body

Any governor can be contacted via the school office, or you can email the Chair of Governors cofg@staff.worlebury.n-somerset.sch.uk

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