

Governor Newsletter Worlebury St. Paul's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School May 2016

Welcomes and goodbyes

Since our last governor newsletter we have welcomed three new governors onto the governing body: Helen Jones (Parent Governor), Mark Fox (Parent Governor) and John Bangham (Foundation Governor). Photos of all governors can be found on the school website.

We have also said a big thank you for all their support and goodbyes to Martin Williams, Alison Devereux and Kate Porter (who was our staff governor).

Governing bodies need to have a wide range of skills therefore, we regularly undertake a standard skills audit of all our governors. We are currently looking for two Foundation governors with either legal skills or experience in community relations, human resources, health and safety or facilities management. Foundation Governors are appointed by the church diocese and have the same responsibilities as all governors as well as being able to demonstrate the ability and commitment to celebrate and develop the Christian ethos of the school. For further information please get in contact with Rev. Geoff Eales
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School Website

Governors are currently working with staff on a project to provide a new school website. Whilst our current site is now quite dated, it still contains a wealth of information about our school including links to the school blog and Friends PTA information and is regularly updated so do have a look if you haven't recently. New additions to the site under the Information section include:

- Governing Body minutes
- Complaints form

Academy Status?

There has been a lot in the news recently about future changes to schools and the requirement for all schools to become academies by 2022. The decision on converting to an academy is one the governing body makes and the emphasis now is on schools joining up as groups in Multi Academy Trusts. Therefore, the governing body is currently exploring who would be interested in working with us and which group of schools would provide the best opportunities and outcomes for our pupils without having to compromise on Worlebury's ethos and vision. We already recognise the many advantages in working more closely with other schools in terms of learning and development opportunities for staff and sharing good ideas. The topic of

collaborative working and the future direction of the school was a key component in the interview process we undertook a year ago when appointing our new head teacher. We have also begun to work more closely with other local schools over the last year, including joint moderation of work, training and INSET days for staff which has been a positive experience for all involved.

The Worlebury Conference back in February was also part of our plan to understand what is important to you as parents and carers in terms of your children's experiences whilst they are a Worlebury pupil and the attributes you hope they will possess when they leave. All your feedback (so do please keep feeding back to us), is vital in helping us decide what is negotiable and non-negotiable when we begin discussing more formally with other schools what Worlebury can offer and what we want to receive as part of a Multi Academy Trust. Some schools have already decided which group they wish to join or form, but many are in the same position as us. Watch this space for further updates, or do get in touch if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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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