

Bicton C.E. Primary School and Nursery



Learning for a Lifetime

Governor Newsletter – Spring Term 2021

A message from the Chair of Governors



Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is our second newsletter, the Spring Term edition. What a year so far! The third lockdown period certainly held its challenges; however, we overcame those challenges and it is absolutely fantastic to see everyone back in school.

Our children have been amazing this term - they showed us that they could adapt and meet challenges with robustness and enthusiasm. For those children who accessed their education remotely from January up until 8th March, we saw determination and a sense of purpose to access the extensive range of remote learning provision. Those children physically attending school truly benefited from the consistency of being in school. The staff team were amazing, ensuring that all children were engaged, challenged, and supported with their education during these difficult times. As a governing body, we are committed to ensuring that the well-being of our children and staff are at the forefront of any decisions made. A special mention to you, parents and carers, for juggling everything you have had to on a daily basis! What a school community we are!

Governors have continued this term to get on with the task of governance:

- accessing training to support us in our governor role,
- attending Local Authority meetings to ensure we are equipped with the very latest information,
- and going ahead with planned committee meetings – Standards and Curriculum, Finance and Personnel, Health and Safety – as well as our termly Full Governors Board meeting.

We have also been busy moving forward with link governor support. Link governors meet regularly with teaching staff and we have had to rethink how we can continue to do this effectively over the past year. All virtual of course! But, as we move on through the year, we hope to get back into school as soon as we can.

Do please continue to stay safe!

Juliette Freeman

Meet a Governor - John Street

My name is John Street and I have been a Community Governor at the school for



over 11 years. It has been a wonderful experience to see how the school has evolved and developed over the years, especially under Natalie's leadership. I work for the Midcounties Co-operative and an important part of my job is to engage with the communities in which we trade. With our Food Market in Bicton serving the local community, being a Community Governor at the school is a great way to play a positive role and we have established strong links between the store and the school.

Outside of work, I am married with two teenage children and a black Labrador puppy called Pip who requires lots of exercise! I enjoy watching sport, but I'm too old to play football anymore! I am also very interested in Saxon and medieval history and living in Shropshire and so close to the Welsh border gives me plenty of opportunity to visit castles, which I love doing and hope to be able to do again once the lockdown has ended!

I am very proud to be a part of the school and I have looked forward to the return of all the children!

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