

**July 2018**

**Saughall All Saints C of E Primary School**  
**Governors Summer Newsletter**



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***Farewell to Year 6***

***& to all have a  
fabulous summer  
break***

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As the 2017 / 18 academic year comes to a close it is great to look back on a very successful year for the school. Gaining a Good rating from OFSTED earlier this year reflects the hard work of everyone involved at Saughall All Saints. There are still areas for us to work on and this has already started to form the basis of our focus areas and strategy for the next few years.

I have had the opportunity to engage with many pupils, right through the school and two of my personal highlights are the reception pupil's performance at the new intake meeting and science week. The reception children provided a fantastic display, with everyone showing how much they've achieved in just a short space of time and a little bit of exercise enjoyed by the audience. During science week, as link science governor, I was invited to join in with the hands on activities across the school. The pupils were actively participating in some fizzing, popping and sticky experiments, which really sparked some interesting observations from the classrooms and there was a keen enthusiasm to understand what was happening. Just two of many examples of the children demonstrating how they wear their badges with pride, enjoying the opportunities provided through a well-rounded curriculum. May I wish all engaged in the school an enjoyable summer break, ready and refreshed to return in September.

***Amanda French, Chair of Governors***

Darren Andrews, Parent Governor

Over the last year, I have been privileged enough to attend some of the School Council meetings. What has struck me is the level of maturity across the age groups. There are year 2's contributing ideas and speaking up, as well as year 6's and the age groups in between all participating in their meetings. They work well together, have great ideas and a real passion to raise much needed funds for materials that can be of benefit to the whole school. The Council work hard and sacrifice some of their break time to serve the school, but their commitment and dedication is evident as they wear their badges with pride.

Mrs Bloomfield has done a fantastic job in bringing out the best of each council member and I really look forward to remaining as a link governor with the School Council next year!

As a side note and away from my governor roles, I also assist with the swimming each week. It's a fantastic opportunity to witness the children away from the school and see how they behave in a public setting. What I'm always pleased to see are the little things like children holding the door open for each other and teachers, thanking the bus driver, helping each other out in the pool and generally being extremely well behaved and a fantastic bunch to teach. Again, they are positive ambassadors for the school and can be proud of their achievements!

Well done all at Saughall All Saints Primary School!

**Kirsty Hackett, Parent Governor & Chair of the Buildings and Finance Committee**

Well this year has been one of our busiest yet. The work undertaken by everyone in response to the 2016 OFSTED inspection has been challenging and we are delighted with the outcome of the most recent inspection. A huge thank you to everyone for this well-deserved result. This has all been undertaken during a period when all of the other usual business was continuing.

Our school, like many others countrywide, have faced significant financial cuts in real terms and this has seen lots of very careful budget management undertaken. It is amazing to see just how well a school can perform, still offering our children wonderful opportunities despite the national funding downturn. It is likely that this national funding trend will continue and it is testament to the senior management and business management teams that our school continues to offer our children such varied activities and educational support.

We have secured funding to create a new teaching facility to support, in particular, our in depth maths education. It was hoped that this could form part of the school by extending the existing facility. This has not been possible because the funding available did not meet the exacting building specifications. However we are delighted to announce that a new standalone classroom facility has been planned and works to complete this in time for the 2018/19 academic year are underway. The facility will enable teaching in smaller groups to be undertaken from the start of term for certain subjects.

This has been another excellent year for Saughall All Saints and we hope this will continue in the next academic year.

**Christine Packer, Parent Governor**

Having only been recently appointed as a governor I am excited to begin working with the school over the next four years. My primary focus will be working with the maths leader on continuing to develop maths within school, building on pupils reasoning so to deepen their knowledge and understanding - a key focus of the current national curriculum – looking to enhance the already great maths education here at Saughall All Saints.