



You are the light of the world.

Matthew 5:14



Chair of Governors Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to another exciting year at Stanion! It was lovely to meet our new Reception children on Monday morning; They have all settled in remarkably quickly and I can't wait to get into the classroom to listen to their reading and get to know them better. For the benefit of new parents I'll give you a little bit of my background and to those parents who have read it all before, Apologies (just skip the next paragraph).

I can't believe how quickly time has passed but it was 11 years ago when I first walked up the drive with my twin girls, Serena and Poppy. For my first two years I was a member of the PTA and then when my son, Daniel, started school I also became a parent volunteer in Reception Class. I became a Foundation Governor 5 years ago and this will be my third year as Chair.

We have had another busy summer in school: The area outside Year 1/2 classroom has been resurfaced with new vibrant colours and I would like to thank Mrs Brown for overseeing this project through the rain while I was in Ireland, where it was actually sunny, and Mr Jones was in even sunnier Dubai celebrating his 40th Birthday. KS2 toilets have been completely refurbished. One child was keen to know if there would be locks on the doors and I can assure you all that there are! The fitter was still hard at work on Saturday but thanks to Mrs Drew and her project managing skills, the boys toilets were up and running for the start of school. Both Boys' and Girls' toilets will be decorated asap and then our next project will be the Library. I would like to dedicate our 'Enchanted Garden' library to Eve and we will also have a memorial in school – the children have already come up with some very thoughtful ideas. For those of you who didn't know Eve, she was one of our Year 6 children last year who lost her battle with cancer in June; Eve was very precious to us all and will remain in our hearts forever.

Both projects were funded by the Diocese of Peterborough, for which we are truly grateful. Our Diocesan Director of Education, Miranda Robinson, has fallen ill on holiday in Peru and cannot return to the UK until she is well again, so please all remember her in your prayers. I will be attending the Institution Service of our new Rector, Heather Lowe, on Sunday in Brigstock Church and we are all looking forward to welcoming her to our school. I know the children are all very excited about meeting her and her husband, Alan, who will be licenced at the same service as an Associate Minister.

I know our Leavers' Assembly seems like a long time ago but I just want to acknowledge the achievements of those children who were presented with awards for consistently demonstrating our Christian values: Annabelle Waterworth (Respect), Roemi Palmer (Endurance), Charlee James-Langley (Responsibility) and Holly Lyons (Courage). The Bishop's Award was presented to Phoenix Higgins for his excellent knowledge and understanding of RE; Mrs Olsen had many meaningful conversations with Phoenix throughout the year and felt he was very deserving of the award.

As always, I would like to thank you all for your commitment to our school and I look forward to your continuing support over the next year.

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Chair of Governors