



The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

**Proverbs 22:9**



## Chair of Governors Newsletter – Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I am absolutely delighted to welcome you all to another school year! I am looking forward to seeing more of our new children in Reception class on Friday afternoon with Mrs Ettridge. I will also be spending time in Year 3/4 on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Jones and am excited to be joining in with the children's RE and Music lessons.

For the benefit of new Parents, let me introduce myself. On a beautiful sunny morning 18 years ago, I walked up the drive for the first time 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 2 years later, I also became a Parent Volunteer in Reception Class. I became a Foundation Governor 12 years ago and this will be my tenth year as Chair. As you can probably guess, I am passionate about our school, and it fills me with joy to watch our children flourish and fulfil their potential every day.

I know a common misconception is that Teachers have had a long holiday but, as always, everyone has been busy in school preparing for the start of term. All classrooms are looking very clean and tidy, after Mrs Brown has worked her magic and Teachers have taken the opportunity to declutter. Mrs Brown has also been painstakingly reorganising our library and re-cataloguing all the books onto the system. Mr Jones has been busy working with all stakeholders on our School Development Plan and reviewing & rewriting policies to ensure we meet all our statutory obligations. Mrs Ettridge has been devoting time to our SIAMS Self Evaluation and our upcoming Ethos project, with the focus on our Vision.

We are a nurturing school with close links to our community where all are inspired to achieve their best. The school provides education of the highest quality; our children embrace every opportunity, enabling all to flourish.

Everyone is valued and loved for their individual worth; we are inspired by Matthew's gospel, to 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All develop mutual respect based on compassion, honesty and trust.

**"Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew)**

I hope you have all enjoyed compiling your responses to 'In my LIFE, I LOVE...' over the Summer and I can't wait to see all your ideas. We are very lucky to have the support of Mrs Ettridge and blessed to be part of such a nurturing Church school, with our Christian values at the heart of everything we do.

Every year Governors award those children who have consistently demonstrated our Values throughout the year and at our Leavers' Assembly in July the following children were presented with a certificate and voucher: Nova for Love, Polly for Compassion, Isla H for Respect, Eleanor N for Courage. The very special Bishop's Award was presented to Missy and the winner of Eve's Art Prize was Faye. Congratulations to all these very worthy children!

I would like to thank you All for your continued support, all Staff for their dedication and Governors for their commitment to our school.

I wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Successful School Year!

Amanda de Choisy