



The Lord God will help me.
Isaiah 50:7



Chair of Governors Newsletter – Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am absolutely delighted to welcome you all to another school year! It was lovely to see so many of you on our first day back and for the benefit of new Parents, let me introduce myself.

It is actually beginning to feel like a lifetime ago, but it was 15 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 2 years later, I also became a Parent Volunteer in Reception Class. I became a Foundation Governor 9 years ago and this will be my seventh year as Chair. This year is again a special year for me, as I welcomed my twin Goddaughters in to Reception class.

I had the privilege of spending the morning with our new children and as always I was very impressed as to how quickly they have settled in. We had no tears and they all chose their favourite activity and played happily. They all enjoyed their tour of the school and loved seeing siblings and friends in the other classrooms. Impeccable manners at snack time and lots of kindness and lovely sharing during outside playtime, made for a perfect start to the year!

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, while 3 classrooms were being painted and re-carpeted. Mrs Early has project managed all the work being done in her characteristically efficient way. Mr Jones has been busy addressing the ever increasing bureaucracy involved in running our school and making it safe and compliant for all our children and staff. I have had the joy of reviewing and rewriting policies to ensure we meet all our statutory obligations. All Governors and Staff attended Safeguarding training last night, so we are all ready and prepared to get this very busy year under way!

I would like to congratulate Mrs Findlay on her new role as Deputy Head – I know Mr Jones and Mrs Hancock will appreciate her support and our school will benefit immensely from her diligence, commitment, enthusiasm, endless energy and innovative ideas; Also, Mrs Allanson on her appointment as Vice Chair of Governors and Mrs Taylor on her appointment as Chair of our new Ethos Committee - I am very excited about an afternoon which has been planned for the children to share their interpretation of the Lord's Prayer, this version of which we are now including in all our Worship Assemblies.

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.*

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

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