

Governor News

Autumn 2018

Welcome to the Autumn term newsletter
from the governing body of
Bentley Church of England V.C and Copdock
Primary Schools.

Governor Membership

In the new school year, we welcomed three new governors to our board. Wayne McIntosh was appointed by Suffolk County Council, Louise Moxon was elected as a parent governor and Kate Ramsell was co-opted to the board. All three have already attended training courses including Safeguarding and bring new skills and expertise. They are most welcome.

Sadly, at the end of this term we lose Martin Taylor who is retiring from the board. His concern for the staff and expertise in PE, finance and property management will be missed along with his passionate enthusiasm to develop new projects that enhance our schools, ensuring the children are given the best opportunities possible. Thank you Martin and best wishes for the future.

OFSTED

Following our recent Ofsted inspection, the Governing Board were extremely pleased to hear that Ofsted endorse the school's judgements. As Governors we have also monitored the school's action and progress since the previous inspection and agree that there have been continued improvements in many areas of our provision. Governors would like to thank all staff for their hard work in securing this judgement. In addition, Governors also recognise that support from children and parents played an important part in the inspection, so thank you. The continued improvement is something to be celebrated by the whole

school community. We are very proud of our schools.

Governor Monitoring Visits

Governors continue to monitor all aspects of school life to ensure progress is being made against school objectives and educational expectations. Monitoring is carried out in a number of ways, including regular visits to the school. In addition to a range of monitoring visits, a real highlight this term were the Remembrance events and services in November. The attending Governors were impressed with the range of activities in both schools that allowed the children to really connect their own experiences to those of other people. Equally, it was great to see the head pupils showing off the schools at the open day/evenings. They led the tours and answered questions of prospective parents. It was good to see how well they dealt with this, and was an example of how pupils can be given real responsibilities.

Thank you

The Governing Board has always recognised the valuable contributions made to our schools by so many volunteers and helpers. Ofsted also recognised how well both schools are supported, making them key points in our communities.

At this time of year especially, we should like to thank everyone who has helped enhance our schools and made them even better places for our children to learn. Special thanks are due to the PTAs in both schools, whose tireless activities

continue to raise funds and make dreams become possible. Our two new conservatories are a fine testament to their outstanding work.

Thank you to everyone who continues to give their time and support to our schools. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, from everyone on the Governing Board.