



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

Coronavirus Covid-19

We are all only too aware of the current situation. Governors would like to praise all staff for the prompt, efficient and dedicated way they have managed this situation in our schools and ensured home-learning can continue.

We should also like to thank all parents, carers and children for their co-operation in these extraordinary circumstances.

We wish everybody well and trust that you can all stay safe.

PTA Activities

Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members of the PTA in both Bentley and Copdock who work so tirelessly to raise extra funds for our schools. We should also like to thank all those who support them.

This year both PTA's have raised funds to purchase Apple I Pads, which will be used throughout the classes to support the development of all the children. Every year the PTA provide funds to support trips and activities the children enjoy. Without the continuous support of the PTA's the schools would not be able to provide these activities.

if you would be able to support the PTA in anyway then please contact either of the schools. This year is going to be challenging with many activities not being able to take place due to Coronavirus.

Governor Vacancies

We should like to welcome Peter Drew to our Governing Board. Peter is an experienced governor, having served in other schools for many years. We are very grateful to accept his offer to join us. Unfortunately, he did not expect his first meeting to be by conference call!

We still have vacancies for members of our board and are specifically looking for people with experience in HR or personnel management.

if you are interested in becoming a governor or would like to understand the role of a governor then please contact either school.

Chair of Governors: Mr Simon Hurst

Vice Chair: Mr Dennis Kell

Parent Questionnaire

Parents' views expressed in our annual questionnaire are important to us. Following feedback from our last questionnaire in 2019, we have listened and both schools continued to provide opportunities for shared learning by holding a maths workshop, for example. Termly Federation events are also providing opportunities to come together to share learning.

Our schools continue to work with other schools and federations as part of the Suffolk Learning and Improvement Network to support and review good practice. Opportunities have been available for our staff to visit other schools to explore approaches used and share our own practice too. Our Federation continues to be strong and classes are working on building opportunities to work together within the curriculum. Our successes from last year include shared events like the recycling exhibition and locality projects. These have been positively received by parents and well attended.

This year's questionnaires have been received and the analysis has begun but we

have been prevented from discussing the outcomes by the current restrictions.

It is good to see that most parents are very supportive and highlighted many positive aspects of our two schools. These included the community feel of the schools and the way kindness was promoted and the children cared for; the way children were treated as individuals; encouraging children to develop independence. There were also positive comments about peer mentoring and information for parents provided by the new curriculum maps.

Governors will be discussing the questionnaires further and will follow up points raised once the schools are back to normal.

Thank you to all parents who completed their questionnaires. It is a really useful source of information for Governors.

Covid-19 Advice

At the current time we continue to offer school places for children of critical key workers across our Federation. We will continue to support home learning through our website and learning packs. We know parents have valued these printed packs and will arrange a structured way for you to collect these from school whilst continuing to follow Government advice...

stay home, protect the NHS and save lives!

A reminder about the latest advice can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Finally, may we wish everyone a very Happy Easter and trust that you will all enjoy your time together at home.