



## Preshute Primary School

### Governor's Newsletter – November 2015

#### The Governors are:

Zoe Garbutt - Chair

Lorraine Perry - Vice Chair, responsibility for Parents Forum, data and Pupil Premium

Joyce White - responsibility for Special Educational needs, Safeguarding and English

Julia Dowdeswell - Chair of Teaching and Learning Committee and School Council liaison

Lucy Brenk - Parent Governor

Paul Collins - Parent Governor, responsibility for Health and Safety

Lindsay Long - responsibility for Pupil Premium

Nicola Child - Associate governor

Rev Miri Keen - Foundation Governor

Liz Bonham - Foundation Governor

#### We welcome our new governors:

Laura Leeming - responsibility for PE

Andy Houchin - Foundation Governor and responsibility for Maths

Judy Pitts - Pupil Premium

Murray Paul - Chair of Strategy and Finance and responsibility for IT and Infrastructure.

Clerk to Governors - Laurien Carter

We have an updated Governor Photo-board if you would like to put a face to a name. Please visit / call the school office if you need to contact a governor. Alternatively contact [Chair@preshute.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Chair@preshute.wilts.sch.uk)

#### Governor's Questionnaire

Thank you to those who completed a questionnaire. The results were very positive indeed, if you would like to see the results, there will be a copy outside the school office.

#### The findings were:

- We really do live up to our motto "Live Life, Love Learning"
- Children are happy and fulfilled at school.
- The school offers a broad range of experiences.
- The Christian Faith is put across well.
- Most parents feel their child/ren is nurtured in a caring Christian atmosphere.
- The school has high expectations of pupils.
- Academic standards are high.
- Success is celebrated.
- Children are challenged appropriately.
- Children are given additional support when required (a minority of parents were unsure but these were from Reception so may not yet know)
- Parents know what their child /ren need to work on to improve.
- Enthusiastic and well-trained staff provide high quality education.
- There is strong leadership from the Headteacher, Governors and Staff.
- Bullying is not tolerated - some parents were unsure - this may be because they have not encountered bullying.

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- Children feel extremely safe in school.
- Sports provision has improved - 42% were unsure. Just 2% disagreed.
- 6% of parents disagreed that the range of after-school clubs has improved with the rest feeling it had.
- Everyone feels welcome at school.
- Ideas are listened to (6% disagree)
- 6% of parents don't believe they are involved in their child's education with the majority feeling they are.
- Concerns are dealt with.
- Most parents feel there is good communication through class letters and newsletters.
- An over-whelming majority use the website.

#### The key findings were:

- The majority of parents believe there are a good range of after-school clubs but 21% feel there should be more on offer.
- 33% of parents did not feel able to comment on whether their child knows how to keep safe online.
- 9% of parents did not know they could approach the Governing Body if they reason to do so.

#### Actions to address the findings:

- Feedback about after school clubs will inform a review of clubs, we will of course keep you updated.
- Teachers are continuing to reinforce the ways in which children can stay safe online.
- If you would like any more information about how to protect your child online, there is information available on our website.
- Information about how to contact governors is on the website and sign-posted in this newsletter.
- We would like to trial an online survey next time to try and engage even more parents in

our survey as we feel your views are important.

#### Parent's Forum run by Lorraine Perry

The Parent's Forum is a small group of parents invited to discuss key areas within the school. The Forums focus on topics highlighted by parents, and find ways to make school life better for our children and parents. For each Forum, a different group of parents are invited to represent their child's class(es) to ensure that all children throughout the school are equally considered.

Last school year:

- ☺ we held four Parent's Forum meetings;
- ☺ over 40 parents attended;
- ☺ we met at The Outside Chance at 8.50am on a Friday morning;
- ☺ for a maximum of 40 minutes.

The Parent's Forum is a consultative group and notes from each meeting are used to help future planning within school. The notes can be read on our website or on the notice board to the left of the School Office.

Over the three years that the Parent's Forum has been running, a number of great ideas have been raised and integrated into school life:

- ☺ Timetabling of after school clubs in advance to help parents plan further ahead;
- ☺ The change to the slope on the left of school to steps to change how we collect our children and make it safer, keeping them away from parked cars and the road. Work is due to start on the slope shortly;
- ☺ The frequency and timing of Parents Evenings and Annual Reports - Children's annual reports were brought forward to ensure successes can be celebrated and any concerns addressed prior to children moving up;
- ☺ Forward notice of trips (especially those linked to topic work to allow parents to plan visits to support topics);
- ☺ The preference for duration, distance and complexity of school residential trips to be staggered starting in year 3;

The meet and greet system ran last year for 'drive by drop offs' outside school.

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