



Our Distinctive Christian Ethos

Here at Selsted, in our unique rural setting, we provide a happy, safe, stimulating environment where children develop their love of learning. Through mutual respect and trust children are given a voice and responsibility. We are brave, resilient and committed to making the impossible possible through God's loving care.

We believe our vision is brought to life through Jeremiah 17 verse 7-8:

*But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.*

This is a vision and ethos that the staff, governors and children have worked hard on over the past year. We wanted our vision to encapsulate what we already know to be true about our school and we are enjoying finding ways to show this vision in everything that we do.

Car Park

As a governing board, we are aware that some members of our parent community are expressing concerns about the car parking facility.

After putting the subject on the agenda for the term 2 meeting we have decided to start by asking parents to fill in a survey regarding car parking.

Once we have the responses to this we can start to get a picture of whether the concerns are about safety, use or something else. This will enable us to decide what action might be taken.

We hope that you will take the time to fill this out once you receive the link via the Parent Mail app.

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The governors felt immensely proud of the staff and children when the government website showed that, for overall performance, Selsted is ranked 1st in Kent. That is 1st out of 560 primary schools! We performed better than many schools that are considered Outstanding by Ofsted.

As an added extra we are ranked 20th out of the whole country. That is out of over 20,000 primary schools.

We know that the staff and children always strive to challenge themselves in whatever they do but it was wonderful to have it recognised at a national level.

We hope that you, as parents, can see the positive ways in which the school has worked hard to offer the best chances to every child even when the restrictions imposed by our size, budget and location have not been helpful.

We know that data is only one facet of life in school, but isn't it nice to celebrate such an amazing achievement?

Governor Vacancies

The Governing Board is currently holding 3 vacancies. Given that we are a team of 10 this feels as if we are spreading ourselves thinly. The first priority is to make sure that we fill our Parent Governor vacancy.

Being a parent governor requires some time commitment (although it's not too bad) and it also means following a code of conduct (setting a good example, not taking term time holidays etc). You do not have to have any previous experience, just a passion and a desire to see the school function as well as it can.

We also need 2 other governors from the community so if you know someone, perhaps from a village or parish council or a local business, then please ask them to get in touch.

Please contact the Chair, Jen Ibbetson-Revell or the Headteacher or assistant Head via the school office if you, or someone you know may be interested.