



End of year Governor Newsletter

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The latest news, views, and announcements

Wow, what a year it has been and I cannot believe how quickly it has gone. As a Governing board we wanted to start with a big thank you to all of the team at Selsted for all their dedication and hard work this academic year. It has been a full action packed year and I know the team are already reviewing what has worked well, what can be changed and how much more we can pack in 2024/25. They are sad and excited that our Year 6 pupils will be moving onto their next adventures- so sending lots of best wishes and success for the next steps of their journey!!



We also say a big Good luck to Mr Clark, who is also moving on to an exciting next step in his Career.



There was a lots of singing and celebration of his time at Selsted at the end of year assembly.



Our Governing Board

Mrs A Woodgate	Headteacher
Clare Blakemore (Chair of Governors)	Local Authority Governor
Ann McNicholl (Co Vice Chair of Governors)	Co-Opted Governor
Janet Butcher-Weisner	Archdeacon Nominee Foundation Governor
Simon Smith	Foundation Governor
Miss S Ive	Staff Governor
Emma Noakes (Co Vice Chair of governors)	Parent Governor
Nicola Chandler	Co-Opted Governor
VACANCY	Co-Opted Governor
Gaya O'Donoghue	Parent Governor
Jen Ibbetson-Revell	Associate Governor (assigned to the Learning and Development Committee)
Susan Foster	Clerk to the Governing Body

Our News and Activities

This year we welcomed Simon Smith to the board, as a foundation Governor, in February 2024 , he has just started his training and introduction to board/committee meetings. I am very much looking forward to working with Simon, he is keen to build an even stronger relationship with our local churches and encourage regular visits. We have one final vacancy now as we continue to grow our numbers on the board which is for a Co- opted Governor. If someone you know, might be interested in joining us, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

As Governors between us we sit on 2 committees (Finance and Learning and Development). In our Finance committee, chaired by Ann McNicholl, there has been work focusing on the financial management of all of the school costs and audits to ensure we are fully compliant. Angela runs a very strict budget and ensures that the children's needs are always at the heart of decision making. Ann and her team monitor the movements of those controls; we are very lucky to have so much knowledge on the committee. The learning and development committee has been meeting to discuss the school improvement outcome for writing, completing learning book walks at the beginning and end of the year. We were in school on the 4th July when we looked at books in each year groups, I have to say, I was very impressed with the care and attention of each book. The progress from September until now has been outstanding, it was fantastic to see so many children with their pen licences in Year 3! I can clearly see there has been a lot of focus on growing the love of writing, we have quite a few budding Authors so I'd get those autographs in now !! Each of us has a monitoring role : Emma and Gaya have been monitoring ICT and Cyber security, Nicola is our Early Years Governor and has been in visiting Miss Ives , seeing all of the progress the Reception children have made. Ann monitors SEN and has very much enjoyed visiting Mrs King,

Janet, has been in school seeing the children in Worship, I know she is always impressed with the knowledge and enthusiasm the children have and the type of inquisitive questions they are asking, I monitor safe guarding and was in school on the 26th June, completing our most recent review.

I am hoping to write to you via the newsletter more often next year, so you can hear about all what we get up to, including re- introducing the Governor Bear Oakley.



I know that every day in school really counts, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of good attendance to every child. In your updates the teachers have been adding class attendance, so that everyone is kept up to date and I know on a whole parents are very supportive of this. There are going to be changes coming in August to guidance starting in the Autumn term of 2024, and we will keep you

up to date when we have the full details. There are 190 days in a school year, that leaves 175 days to do what you choose, so lets make those 190 days really count; what we do today supports our children's development for the future, not only through education but into the work place.



A big Thank you to FOSS for organising yet another successful summer fete; the hard work and dedication behind the scenes is tireless in the run up to the day!! But its not only that day that they work so hard for, but also disco's, quizzes and the Christmas fayre. There have been lots of activities they have pulled off that bring the school together as a community to have so much fun!

And last of all, but certainly not least, a big thank you to all the pupils, there has been so many activities packed into this year. Everyone has got involved with a sporting competition, have welcomed visitors and guest speakers into the school with such warmth and they have applied themselves into learning every day.... So with that now's the time to enjoy some lovely British weather, so I can't guarantee the sun, but certainly some well deserved rest for everyone!!



We look forward to seeing everyone in September

Have Fun !!
Clare Blakemore
Chair of Governors