



Billingshurst Primary School

# Governor Newsletter

*Learning, growing and achieving excellence together*

July 2021

Hello and welcome to our summer term newsletter.

As well as welcoming four new governors to the team this academic year we are also excited to introduce to you our new Chair of Governors, Nicola Waters. She has taken over the reins from one of our longest-serving governors, Jo Newton-Smith, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Jo for all her hard-work and dedication in her role as Chair. Thank you Jo! Nicola, over to you:

*"I am delighted to join the governing body at Billingshurst Primary School as Chair of Governors. I bring with me extensive experience in governance developed over a number of years through my other roles as Chair of Governors at William Penn Primary and Vice Chair at The Weald.*

*The governing body has 3 core functions:*

- 1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.*
- 2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.*
- 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.*

*The values and vision at Billingshurst Primary School centre around the unique child with a desire to deliver a fully inclusive education which meets the needs of every learner. I look forward to working with the senior leadership team and governing body in ensuring the vision is evident in everyday school life."* Nicola Waters

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*We'd like to thank Miss Williamson and all the staff for their hard work this past year. We appreciate everything they have done to keep the school open and safe for all the pupils and for the Covid risk assessment measures they put in place to make this possible. Thank you!*

*We would also like to wish you all a very happy and healthy summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in the new academic year!*

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## Governor Survey

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to complete our governor survey, which closed on 20th July. We will now take time to analyse the feedback and focus on key themes that have arisen from your answers. We will be aiming to share the results of the survey with you in the Autumn term.

## Pupil voice

Due to Covid restrictions we have been unable to come into school for our regular governor visits to speak to children and find out more about their school experiences. To make sure we didn't lose out on this valuable opportunity entirely, we have had access to videos of pupils from across the school who were happy to talk to us about their learning the past year. Thank you to all the children involved in this, we really appreciate all your help.

## Goodbye and good luck Year 6!

We are exceptionally proud of our year 6 leavers who, after being part of the BPS family for seven years are making their way to secondary school in September. As well as the successful Blacklands Farm residential, we want to congratulate them on their performances in the Year 6 production of Macbeth, their successful sports day and their bike-ability training too. We wish you all the very best Year 6, we know you will continue to make us proud.



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