



GOVERNORS' REPORT TO PARENTS

(AUTUMN TERM 2018)

Welcome!

As usual, it's been a very busy year for the staff, children and governors at St Philip's Primary School. This newsletter gives us an opportunity to share with you information about the activities that governors have taken part in.



The Governors are as follows (September 2018):

M Thacker	Chair of Governors
Revd. L Hilliard	Vice Chair of Governors
W Harvey	Chair of Standards & Curriculum Committee
H Simpson	Chair of Staffing & Resources
K Ellidge	Headteacher
J Hartley	Link Governor (Training)
A Gulrez	Parent Governor
N Shajat	Parent Governor
S Spencer	Foundation Governor

- All governors are required to have Police Clearance to work within a school setting.

Governors



their new role.

Governors have attended full Governing Body meeting every term and there have been are Resources Committee meetings and Standards & Committee meetings held every term. Governors have also attended meetings linked with staff appraisal. The Governing Body has recruited two new governors this year. They have been supported by experienced members of the Governing Body to help them become more familiar with

Apart from the more formal meetings, some governors visited classrooms to observe lessons and talk to the children. Two governors have also visited the school to monitor the learning environment (linked with the Church Inspection) and to provide feedback to the headteacher and other governing body members.



As usual, the role of some governors has also included being linked to a member of staff who has responsibility for a specific area. For example, governors visited the school to monitor the practice regarding areas such as Special Educational Needs, Child Protection and Health and Safety. Two

governors have also visited classrooms to monitor the implementation of the mathematics across the curriculum initiative which has been a focus for the school this year.



Governors have also been supporting the school at social events, attended assemblies and have organised a World Cup Raffle which raised £85.

Governing Body Training

A range of training courses are available for governors which are mainly provided by Lancashire local Authority. The following courses were attended by governors in 2017-18:

- Chair of Governor Forum meetings
- New Framework SIAMS training
- Internet Safety
- World Class Leadership
- Child Protection training
- Appraisal and Pay Committee for Governors

Governing Body Action Plan

On 12 June 2018, at the annual Governors' Day, Governors had training on the new national assessment data analysis (Dashboard) and also reviewed the 2017-18 Action Plan.

The Governing Body Action Plan 2018-19 is planning to focus on:

- monitoring the impact of its investment in reading resources and additional training to support curriculum development in this area;
- evaluating the impact of classroom visits by governors;
- further raising the profile of the Governing Body.

(For more detail, see Governors' Action Plan)

Getting in touch

Governors will now be wearing identification when they visit the school so that parents and visitors can more easily identify who are the members of the Governing Body and become aware of their role in the school. Please don't hesitate to contact us as we are always interested in receiving your comments and feedback. The Chair of Governors is regularly in school and Parent Governors are often available particularly at the beginning and end at the day. If you can't see one of us then, you can always get in touch with us via the school office or Mrs Ellidge.

Our School website address is:

www.st-philips.lancs.sch.uk where you will find further information with relation to the role of the Governor.