



Welcome

Welcome to our second newsletter. We thought we would start with letting you know what we have been up to and then on page 2 introducing you to some Governors, so you know a little bit about us....

Recent SATS Governor Training

It is good practice to ensure that when Governors attend and observe SAT exam days they are familiar with the strict procedures and guidelines the school must follow. This training covered Year 2 and 6 SATS plus phonic screening. With Year 6 SATS fast approaching a Governor is scheduled to visit the school each morning. SATS is an important part of the school calendar for Year 6 so please ensure you are supporting your child giving them every opportunity to achieve their very best with good sleep, good breakfast and good timekeeping.

Christian Distinctiveness Walk

All Church of England schools receive a SIAMS - this is the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. This is also known as a Section 48 inspection. All church schools will undergo this inspection which is scheduled every five years. With our schools visit due some of our Governors recently visited and our findings are shared below.

What went well...

Children spoke confidently of how Worship supports them and how it is a safe space for them to be closer to God.

- Behaviour around the school was a strength, pupils engage well in lessons and in Worship
- Prayer and Worship are at the heart of school life
- Values are evident around the school and it is clear how they are used

Event Better if we.....

Develop use of prayer spaces

- Have a calendar for displays in the corridors so that they link to the liturgical year
- Have a ceremony, with Rev Ann, each term, where the children's prayers are burnt - so the children can see what happens to them and there is a purpose
- Look at how to embed values more into the whole curriculum

Before our Governing meetings we always say a prayer, and now we read a chosen prayer from one of the children at the school.

Chair of Governors School Visit

On Friday 22nd March I spent an action packed morning visiting the school.

I had a fantastic visit where I met with the school council who chatted to me for 20 minutes about how they felt. They seem to love maths, science and art and genuinely feel happy and safe at school. We discussed behaviour at the school and how they too could play their part in ensuring we set the right examples and are always ready to learn.

I met with Ms Lucas to understand the current challenges on Attendance and Lateness. One of the things Ofsted noted on their previous visit was Attendance at our school being under the target we set. We have some time to go before our next Ofsted visit, and currently are under the expectation of 96.5%. This coupled with the unfortunate recent stomach bug that has prevented children from coming to school, we all need to play our part and ensure our children's future attendance is the best it can be.

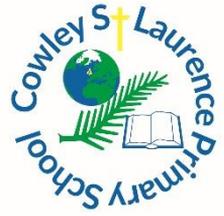
Equally as important is to ensure your child arrives on time - I witnessed first hand 3 children late to the morning class which proved very disruptive. Please we would ask you all to play your part and do your very best to ensure your children get to school and on time.

I met with some of the teachers attending Outstanding and Improving Teaching Programmes, as part of their development to ensure the quality of our teaching and learning is effective and strives towards outstanding as per one of our school targets. The teachers agreed it was great to share best practice whilst learning to model their lessons with deeper understanding questioning and tasks for all children at all levels in mind. I am confident we will see the impact of this training through outcomes and pupil results which we will continue to monitor at our Governor committee meetings.

During my visit I observed 3 classes - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 1 Phonics class and in general I was pleased on what I saw. Teachers were questioning, challenging, praising and in the main children seemed engaged, happy and safe in their environment. One of the teachers I observed I had seen last year teach and I could really see the impact and difference the training outstanding programme was having.

Governor Vacancy

It is important to ensure our Governing Body brings different skillsets to ensure the greatest effectiveness. If you are passionate about the education of children and perhaps in your 'day' job or have previous experience in Finance, HR or Education particularly then please do get in touch via the Schools webpage



**COWLEY
ST LAURENCE**
CE Primary School

School Improvement Plan Targets

Improve the Quality of
teaching in KS1 &
ensure pupils make
rapid & sustained
progress

Improve the outcomes
of pupils in writing,
particularly boys

Improve the outcomes
of disadvantaged
pupils

Improve teaching and
learning across the
school so that it is
never less than good &
a high proportion is
outstanding

Improve the teaching of
spelling

Improve the quality of
teaching of RE

Improve the skills of
middle leaders
outcomes

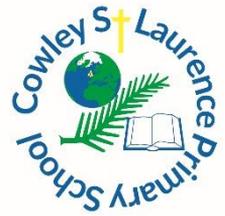
Improve attendance of
EYFS & pupil premium
children

Continue to improve
the distinctiveness of
CSL as a Church school

Promote equality &
diversity across the
school & wider
community

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Meet some of the Governors



Daniella Dean, Chair of Governors

I work for a very large Broadcasting company and have experience in managing budgets, implementing key project delivery in a department of over 200 people.

This experience helps my role as Chair of Governors. It is important to ask the right questions and work collaboratively with the Head of School and the team to ensure our children are at the heart of every decision, initiative and target set.

The welfare of all children and their progress is always at the centre of everything.



Verity Williams

I am a qualified accountant and work as a Finance Manager for a small charity that partners with educators to provide course content typically delivered through the computing curriculum.

I became a Governor in 2014 and I am very passionate about education and being in a position to support the schools strive to be the best place they possibly can be for everyone to thrive and reach their full potential.



Catherine Allen

I come from a family of teachers and have always valued the importance of education and life long learning. When I retired some 10 years ago I took the opportunity to become a Governor to do my bit to make sure the children at Cowley St Laurence and St Matthews have the best possible education. I'm as passionate now as I was when I retired about doing my best for our children.



Revd Ann Clarridge

Previously worked as a staff nurse in Hillingdon and after marriage and children, I worked as a District Nursing Sister and then moved into Nurse Education, at Bournemouth Uni and then London Southbank Uni.

I am delighted to become a Governor, as this helps build relationships between the church and Cowley St Laurence school, and enables me to have a focus through my visits to the school. I often lead worship at Cowley St Laurence and I hope to support the children through a Christian ethos and school values, and of course a good educational experience that will equip the children for life.



Janet Duncan

I am a Councillor for West Drayton ward and was formerly the Deputy Director for Planning for Hillingdon Council.

I think it is important that we give children the best education we can as this is a foundation that can influence their lifetime opportunities for work, learning and quality of life. This is why we constantly seek to raise standards in all our schools to give the best teaching and learning we can for all our children.



Linda Ryan – Governor for Safeguarding and H&S

I retired after 33 years as a Learning Mentor and I was not ready to give up working with children and so I started volunteering once a week in school.

For me the children are at the heart of everything we do. There educational progress and wellbeing is at the forefront.

My school background means I am able to fully understand what is needed to continue to improve all aspects of school life.



Revd Richard Young

I have been the Vicar of St Matthew's Church Yiewsley since 2007, which means I am an ex officio member of the governing body.

It's a great privilege to be part of caring, loving Christian schools in which local children, of many faiths and none, can realise their potential and be given the best possible start in life. As a governor I visit both schools regularly and that, combined with the regular reports we receive as governors, helps me to get a good feel for how things are going.

Governors

Chair of Governors

Daniella Dean

Vice Chair of Governors

Verity Williams

Parent Governors

VACANCY

Staff Governor

Miriam Mohammadi

Nominated Governors

Janet Duncan

Shehrya Ahmad Wallan

Catherine Allen

Sarah Flick-Smith

Linda Ryan (*Safeguarding and H&S*)

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Ann Clarridge

Richard Young

Clerk

Catherine Mosdell

How to contact us?

**Please call the school
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the office**

**Remember... there are
school processes in place
for day to day school
matters. Please ensure
you follow these in the
first instance.**

**I hope you have found this
Newsletter informative and
I look forward to sending
you our next newsletter
with updates on what we
have been up to.**

Daniella Dean
Chair of Governors

