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Chair of governors end of term update – July 2018

With our last term of this academic year drawing to a close, I wanted to communicate some of the priorities the school governing body have been working towards and to update you on some changes to the governing board.

After over 11 years as a governor and as our Vicar at St George's Church, Canon Chris Stone has taken well deserved retirement. Chris has provided years of support to the school and the community he serves, and we wish him a very long and happy retirement. Veronica Higgwe and Richard Taylor have also both decided that with increased work commitments, they will be stepping down as governors at the school. I would like to thank them all for their time, commitment and support they have shown the school and wish them the best for the future.

Joining us is Ladi Lawal, who has been appointed as our Local Authority Governor, we thank him for his commitment and look forward to working with him.

If you would like to know more about our existing board members, please visit the school website, where you can read each of the governor's personal statements, detailing the skills they bring to the board and why they choose to volunteer their time in this way to support the school.

This term we have been finalising the way the governing board is going to fulfil its role. Previously the full board met three times a year, with smaller committee's focused on Teaching & Learning, Resources and Ethos & Vision also meeting three times a year. From September the full board will meet termly (six times a year) and our committee's will be replaced by individual governors who have been delegated specific areas of focus, based on their skill set. We have been trialling this over the last term and governors have monitored areas including Health & Safety, Asbestos Management, Financial Management, the provision of Special Educational Needs (SEN) and how these strategies are supporting pupils, the Early Years Foundation Stage and the administration of the Key Stage 2 SAT's papers. Again, details of all monitoring can be found on the school website.

Some of the governors were also able to attend the PTFA Summer Fayre, where we were tasked with running the hot & cold refreshments and tuck shop. It was lovely to spend time meeting pupils, families and staff and we look forward to attending many more such events. I would like to congratulate the PTFA and everyone involved with the day, it was a huge success, everyone seemed to be having a great time as well as raising a record amount of money for the school!!

This has been an extremely busy year for everyone in the school and I would like to thank all the staff, pupils, volunteers and families for their continued hard work, commitment and support.

The success of our school is not only down to the staff who work in it, but also the positive contribution from pupils, families and volunteers. Our School is a community and it works best when we all work together, ultimately with the shared vision of ensuring all the children receive the best possible education and opportunities to learn.

Thank you for your continued support, I wish you all a very restful and relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes

Kelly Goodayle, Chair of Governors

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