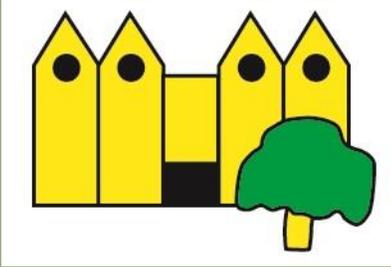


WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



GOVERNING BODY

- **Chair of Governors**
Joey Potgieter (Co-opted)
- **Head Teacher**
Clare Bladen
- **Staff Governor**
Matt Bird (until Dec 2017)
- **Parent Governors**
Helen Kaufmann
Louise Savell
Ben Selby - HPR Chair
- **Co-opted Governors**
Colin Cook
Rachel Goode - ESW Chair
Joanne Hamer
Rebecca Huxley - Vice Chair
Susanna Pressel
- **Associate Members**
Robin Rogers
Claudi Thomas

GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

AUTUMN 2017

Dear Parents & Carers,

In this term's update we give you a snapshot of what Governors have been working on and a report on changes to the Governing Body.

The Governing Body exists to ensure high standards of achievement for all students at the school - to this end we are delighted to announce the new school vision and values with thanks to all of you who contributed to the revision process.

We hope all children have settled in well and are enjoying the new school year. We extend a particular welcome to parents whose children are new to the school this term.

The Christmas holidays are just around the corner - we hope you have a lovely and restful break. See you in the new year!

SCHOOL VISION & VALUES

Our new School Vision and Values aim to capture the spirit of the school based on input from students, parents and carers, staff and governors this year.

The vision articulates our ultimate ambition for our school and the values speak to how we deliver that vision. We have drafted them to apply to all members of the school community to align us to achieve the very best for our children.

Ms Bladen will introduce this to the children through a series of assemblies in the New Year.

VISION **Inspiring curious minds and responsible citizens.**

VALUES

We have high expectations

We aim for every child to enjoy school and to achieve or exceed expected progress.

We are an inclusive community

We value kindness and we celebrate and respect diversity.

We encourage a growth mindset

We believe that curiosity, effort and resilience are the keys to achievement.

We consider the future

We encourage healthy choices for ourselves, our community and our planet.

THANK YOU!

The Governors would like to thank all members of staff, volunteers and friends for their hard work and support. Your contribution is vital to the success of the school and is greatly appreciated.

GOVERNOR LEARNING WALKS 2017/18

To supplement our regular meetings, Governors undertake school visits to take a deep look at particular issues.

AUTUMN TERM

- EYFS
- Key Stage 1
- Safeguarding
- Pupil Premium
- SEND

SPRING TERM

- Behaviour
- Key Stage 2
- Health & Safety

PARENT SURVEY

We were delighted by the high response rate to the Parent Survey this term - huge thanks to Year 6 for their hard work at the Parent-Teacher Meetings and to parents and carers for taking the time to respond.

We are currently in the process of analysing the feedback received and look forward to reporting back in the New Year.

ENSURING VALUE FOR MONEY

Our recent Human & Physical Resources (HPR) meeting had a significant budget focus as we continue to seek efficiencies to meet a challenging financial situation. We undertook a benchmarking exercise, comparing our spending in different areas against other local schools. We also committed to review all our major contracts with the intention of maximising value for money.

If any parents or carers have experience of managing procurement projects and would be willing to help with running some tenders, please contact Ben Selby (HPR Chair) at: ben.selby@me.com

NEW GOVERNORS

We have been pleased to welcome four new members to the Governing Body this term who bring with them a wide range of skills and experience, and new energy to support the success of the school.

Matt Bird - Part-time Caretaker / Senior Catering Assistant - joined us as Staff Governor this term, but will step down as he leaves the school for a new role elsewhere. We wish him the very best of luck and extend our thanks for all that he has contributed to the school over the years.

Joanne Hamer MBE - Deputy Head of the UK Defence Academy - joins us as a Co-opted Governor.

Robin Rogers - Strategy Manager at Oxford County Council - joins us as an Associate Governor.

Louise Savell - mother of Oliver in Reception and co-founder / Director of Social Finance - joins us as a Parent Governor.

Have a wonderful holiday!