

Baydon St Nicholas Governors Newsletter



Welcome to the second Governors newsletter giving you a flavour of some of the work we are doing on behalf of our school

Changes to the Board of Governors

This year Enid Johnson stepped down as Chair but still remains an active member of the Board. We all thank her for her continuing hard work. Denise Mathewson was appointed as Chair and Bridget Walker as Vice Chair. Our other members are: Allison Dobson, Bryan Harber, Sue Harris, Harriet Knowles, Gordon Lundie, Caroline Terret and Shireen Waterer.

Staff Governors are: Peter Chambers, Carol Rasberry and Coralie Warner.

Our new Clerk will be appointed shortly.

OFSTED INSPECTION UPDATE

The School received a very favourable report after it's inspection on 20th May 2008. Thanks once again to all staff, pupils and parents who made this possible.

We are very proud to report that the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools in June 2008 was also excellent.

Our links between school and church remain strong and we look forward to celebrating this further at our Annual Church, School Fete.

Keeping in touch



There are many ways for you to find out what is going on, be involved and tell us your views.

Our Newsletter summarises our most recent and current work, the minutes of our meetings are available in the office and you can contact us directly. You will see those of us with children around the school or Denise, our Chair can be contacted via the school office. We are currently compiling a photo board so that you can easily identify us and we are planning a Cheese and Wine meeting later in the year as an opportunity to 'meet and greet' Governors, Friends of Baydon School and other parents.

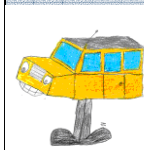
Healthy School Plus Award

We are proud to say that we achieved Healthy School status earlier this year and from September we are working with other Primary schools in the cluster towards the Healthy School Plus Award.



Travel Plan

We received our funding and are continuing work on our Travel plan. Currently we are focusing on the 'Walking Bus'.



If you would like to be involved please contact Harriet Knowles.

Our priorities remain, road safety for pupils, easing congestion at the beginning & end of the day and reducing the number of cars by promoting lift sharing.

Healthy Lunch Boxes

In line with our recent 5 Star accreditation for Food Hygiene the Governors' initiative for encouraging "Healthy Lunch Boxes" was launched. Discussions were held and documentation examined in relation to what constituted a healthy lunch box and what other foods could be substituted for unhealthy foods. Children also discussed the importance of keeping lunch boxes clean and the food in them cool. Whilst we are not a nut free school we strongly discourage the supplying of any nut products in lunch boxes and thank you for your cooperation with this. Further details in relation to healthy lunch boxes can be found in our Lunch Box Policy.

School Policies

The school has a portfolio of policies, covering all aspects of the school including curriculum, health and safety, school visits, healthy school, assessment etc. All policies are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect changes in thinking and legislation.

Hellos and Goodbyes

Since our last Newsletter we have welcomed two new Governors Bryan Harber and Shireen Waterer who bring plenty of knowledge and expertise to the Governing Body.

We wish Rev. Sandy well following her retirement and thank Rev. Ann Massey who has been co-opted onto the Board.

We have said goodbye to our Clerk Anna Field and thank her for her organisational skills and wish her all the best.

Vacancies

MDSA's (lunchtime duty)

Come and talk to us if you are interested.

Building For The Future

Since our last newsletter we are very pleased to announce that our exciting new building project is gathering momentum! Our Launch Evening was well attended and already several fundraising events have taken place, with more planned. We are keen for everyone to be involved so if you have any ideas or would like to organize an event please contact our Fundraising Committee who will be happy to help you maximize your takings via gift aid. Keep an eye on the School window of the shop where you will see a calendar of events so you know when to organize yours. A big thank you to Debbie for her support.