

# Baydon St Nicholas Governors Newsletter



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

## Who we are & what we do

Enid Johnson (Chair), Denise Mathewson (Vice-Chair), Sue Harris, Gordon Lundie, & Reverend Sandy.

Those of us you will see in the playground: Allison Dobson, Bridget Walker, Harriet Knowles, & Caroline Terret.

Some Governors are staff: Peter Chambers, Coralie Warner, Carol Rasberry & Anna Bailey (Clerk).

Remember our minutes are posted on the notice board in the playground do read them & approach us with your ideas or expertise.

We all want you to feel involved in your school & any help will be warmly welcomed.

## OFSTED INSPECTION

Inspectors, Mr. John Laver and Mrs. Kathy Hooper visited school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

We have sent out copies of the report this week. Thank you to all staff & parents who supported the school during this time.

The Diocese also sends an inspector - as part of the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools.

That will be conducted by the Rev'd Richard Peers on 13th June.

## Questionnaire



Thank you for taking the time to complete our questionnaire. The data has been analysed we have already taken some action!

The e-mail system Parent-mail will soon be up & running, a list of clubs is now available via the notice board in the playground & plans for new building are currently being considered.

Your responses to the questionnaire have helped us to think more clearly about how to move forward & we will keep you regularly updated.

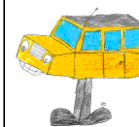
## Travel plan

We are waiting for news about financial assistance for our Travel plan. Our three areas of focus are:

1. Road safety for pupils
2. Easing congestion at the beginning & end of the day
3. Reducing number of cars by promoting lift sharing.

Full copies of the plan can be found in the school office.

Governors involved – Denise Mathewson, Gordon Lundie & parents Anna Hutley, Marie Hogan & Esther Barker.



**Healthy School Award-** We are working towards a National Healthy School Award.

As part of this we have recently reviewed our Healthy School Policy and met with each class listen to their ideas particularly about infection control. From this consultation we are opening a competition for pupils to design posters to be put up around the school.  
We will keep you posted.



### **Able, Gifted and Talented**

We are developing a system for identifying & meeting the needs of these children. Some year 4 & 5 pupils have already attended some workshops at Braeside with other AGT children from Wiltshire schools. Our school has been at the forefront in initiating a local course with other schools in our area in Thinking Skills.

### **Finance**

Every year the school has to produce a financial budget for the year & our priority is always to provide the best educational value for our children.

### **Curriculum**

We each have responsibility for at least one area of the curriculum & regularly liaise with staff & make classroom visits to understand more about what is happening within school.

### **School policies**

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

### **Hellos & Goodbyes**

Goodbye to Sylvia Bailey, (former Chair) & Julie Rolfe – two longstanding governors, Thank you for all your hard work.

### **Vacancies**

2 Foundation Governors  
(You need to be confirmed & have time & energy to commit to the school)

MDSA's (lunchtime duty)

Come & talk to us if you are interested.



**Dream School** –this is our name for an exciting project looking at future building needs at school. It is a long term process but already needs for more space have been assessed & requests for funding put in! A plan has been produced & we are consulting with the Diocese for funding.