



The Governors' Newsletter Summer 2017

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter!

Another year has passed and so much has been achieved at our busy little school!

Aside from the usual functions and responsibilities, this year our Governing Body has been focused on the long-term sustainability of our school.

The beginning of the year saw the Governing Body working towards a defederation from Heytesbury, this was successfully achieved in February.

Work then followed to rebuild our governing body, secure a new Head Teacher and recruit new staff and we feel positive and excited about the future.

The governing body members are:

Barley Moss (Local Authority) Chair, Chair of Strategic Committee

Megan Campbell (Parent) Vice Chair

Judy Munro (Foundation) Chair of Business Committee

Vicky Hamilton (Foundation) Chair of Standards Committee

Pauline Reid (ex-officio)

Carol Clough (ex-officio)

Nic Ilic (Staff)

Clair Chatwin (Foundation)

Jessica Speller (Foundation)

Katie Symonds (Foundation)

Tim Grant (Foundation)

James Newbery (Parent)

All governors have a specific area of responsibility including curriculum areas, health & safety and compliance. All governors sit either on the Business or Standards

Committee with all chairs sitting on the strategic committee in addition.

If you wish to contact any of the Governing Body, please do so via the school office.

HELLOS & GOODBYES

Next year we look forward to welcoming Miss Sides to Thatchers and Miss Porch to Weavers. Both teachers have been into school to meet all the children and are looking forward to their new roles.

Mrs Ilic will teach in Thatchers with Miss Sides as she takes up her new role as Acting Head Teacher. We welcome Mrs Ilic and wish her all the very best as she embarks on her headship and very much look forward to working with her.

We also welcome Tim Grant, Katie Symonds, Jessica Speller and James Newbery to the Governing Body, thank you for giving up your time to fulfil and very challenging, yet rewarding role.

Firstly, goodbye to Mrs Wolsey, Mrs Rickhuss and Mrs Kjaer. Thank you for all your hard work and the support you have given the school, we hope you will stay in touch.

Goodbye also to Rev Norma Payne. Norma has served for many years on Crockerton's and other governing bodies. Her wealth of experience in education has been a real asset to the governing body and she will be greatly missed. Norma will now have time to pursue her many interests and we hope she will come back and tell us and the children all about them.

And finally, goodbye to Mrs Clough. Mrs Clough has been at Crockerton for 20 years, 10 as headteacher. Mrs Clough's contribution to the school and its staff, children and parents has been considerable, she has always put children first. Carol will be greatly missed by children, staff and parents, but we wish her all the very best as she embarks on new adventures with her family in Cyprus.

A huge welcome and thank you to all from the Governing Body.

THANK YOU

The governing body would like to say **thank you.....**

To all the **staff** – for all your hard work and dedication. For the teaching and for the trips, activities, clubs, matches & productions, we recognise you go above and beyond.

To all the **children** – this is your school and your tremendous achievements in all areas and those that you can be justly proud of

To the **Friends of Crockerton** – your fundraising goes from strength to strength! Your creativity and enthusiasm means school events are memorable and enjoyable for all. The money you raise is so valuable for enabling children to get the best possible experiences at school.

To the **parents** – your support is valued greatly by the school. From stepping in at the recent SIAMS inspection, helping on trips, making costumes and scenery to manning cake stalls, it is all greatly appreciated.

SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools) inspection.

On 13th June 2017, the school had its SIAMS inspection. The inspection aims to assess the distinctiveness and effectiveness of a church school. We are very pleased that we achieved a 'good' rating and thank you to all who contributed to achieving this.

The full report is available on the School website and has been emailed out to families, but we would like to share some of the comments -

'Acts of Worship are joyous occasions...'

'They (pupils) all talk of the family feel to the school...'

'The pupils are generous in helping those less fortunate and have raised considerable sums of money for charities...'

'Parents are very supportive of the school'

SUCSESSES

In February, a group of KS2 children performed at the West Wiltshire Dance Festival at the Forum in Bath. Their dance, to 'Step in Time' from Mary Poppins was expertly choreographed by Mrs Aylesbury and their performance was outstanding.

We are pleased to announce that Crockerton has been awarded the Gold School Games Mark. This is a superb achievement! Throughout the year children have taken part in a huge range of sports, from tag rugby, to hockey and cricket. They have played competitively with local schools and won both the Area Sports and the Swimming Gala!

Children have also enjoyed bush-craft, orienteering and yoga this year, with years 5&6 taking part in a special overnight bush-craft, an unforgettable experience thoroughly enjoyed by all.

RESULTS

Congratulations to all the children who took their SATS this year, you all worked incredibly hard and the school is very proud of what you have achieved.

The school is keen to make SATS week a fun experience and thank you to Carol for providing her famous SATS breakfasts. The children loved them!

We are very proud of our KS2 results; with 100% of children achieving the expected standard in reading and SPAG (spelling, punctuation & grammar) and 84% in Maths. Overall, 61.5% of children will have achieved the expected standard in all three areas, this is a significant uplift on our results last year and early indications show this will be just higher than the national average.

Lower down the school, at KS1, all children achieved the results as expected in their SATS, in Year 1, an excellent 93% of children passed their Phonics Screening and in Reception a record 79% of children achieved their Good Level of Development! (early indications show this will be significantly above the national average)

JOSEPH

We leave you with some photos of Joseph last week. Once again, a fabulous end of year performance from KS2, with brilliant costumes and scenery!

Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who worked so hard to bring us a great evening of entertainment. It was great to see the children enjoying themselves so much and performing with such confidence – well done all!



Thank you to all once again, have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September!

