



Governors' Newsletter 7

Summer Term 2017

Transition to High School, Junior School, Infant School.

At this time of year Governors and Teachers are preparing for the new school year in September. We are very aware that many children are also preparing for a big change in their life – a move to a new larger school.

Many children will have already had induction days and visits to their new school and All Angels' encourages children to embrace and look with excitement to these changes in their lives. However, it can be a very anxious time for some children and to minimise any uneasiness they may suffer, the Governors, Headteachers and SENCOs of the cluster have been looking at how to make this transition easier and the best way to familiarise children to their new environment, especially for the more vulnerable.

During the Autumn Term the children will be asked about their experience of transition, not just to high school but also to Junior School and First admission to Infant School.

We wish everyone who is currently going through this process every happiness and success in their new school.

Governors

All Angels' Governors are taken from a wide variety of experience and backgrounds. Here is a list of their names and the stakeholders they represent.

Chair of Governors Rosemary Games (Parish Church Council Governor)		Vice Chair of Governors Laurie Bolt (DBE Governor)	
Bishop's Appointed Governor Rev. Mark Elvin	Headteacher Helen McCarney		Local Authority Governor Linda Johnson
Diocesan Board of Education Governors (DBE) David Walker	Parish Church Council Governors (PCC) David Blake Gavin Shiers Jane Cole		Parent Governors Jayne Clark
School Staff Governors Kath Hunt			

Clerk to the Governors: Jennie Reynolds

If you wish to contact the Governors please do so via the Schools. Contact details are over the page.

Five Key Principles

- ❖ Respectful
- ❖ Trustworthy
- ❖ Persevering
- ❖ Enterprising
- ❖ Successful

Introducing Your Governors –

David Walker

David was chief executive of Norwich Charitable Trusts for many years and retired in August 2016.

While in office, David continually showed his commitment to help the poorest and most vulnerable in Norwich, ensuring the services provided respect their dignity and independence. One of the beneficiaries was Clover Hill Infant School.

In 2017-18 he will be Sheriff of Norwich using this prestigious position to promote and raise money for the charities he has supported.

We welcome his expertise to the Governing Body and as a member of the Finance and General purposes committee.



Vacancies on the Governing Body

We are always looking for stakeholders to help with the Governance of All Angels' Federation. We would particularly like to hear from Parents, not necessarily of children at our schools, who are both committed and dedicated to maintaining the high standards of both schools and their sustainability into the future. If you feel you, or someone you know has the skills to support the work of the Governing Body, please contact the Headteacher or Chair of Governors, Rosemary Games, via either of the schools.

Assessment

As we approach the end of year, the children are celebrating their achievements. Assessment of the children is an important tool that teachers use to make sure that children are achieving their targets and to pinpoint the help some children might need to progress to their fullest ability.

In addition to the usual school assessments made as a matter of course, this term the children have undertaken the statutory assessments used by the Government to judge the quality education supplied by schools.

Early Years Foundation Stage - Staff in Reception class observe the children all year to inform their judgements at the end of the first year in school, over 17 areas of development. These are not just the academic Reading, Writing and Number but also how they see the

world and interact with their friends and many more skills they need for their future progress.

Phonics Year 1 and Year 2 - Phonics is an important tool used to teach your children to read. The Phonics test in Year 1 is to measure how many children have achieved a standard of proficiency set by the Government. The children can be retested in Year 2 if they haven't reached the standard on the first attempt.

Key Stage One - At the end of Year 2 the children take a set of tests to inform the teacher's assessment of their attainment in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science. The tests are marked internally and are moderated with other schools.

Key Stage 2 - At the end of Year 6 the children take their first set of externally marked tests. Maths, Reading and Grammar are tested with a written paper, while teachers assess performance in writing and science. Results are returned to the school in early July.

The school is obliged by law to report to parents how their children have performed in all these tests and you will receive their results before the end of the summer term.

New Classrooms at St Michael's



The builders have finally packed up and gone and you can now see the new classrooms in all their glory. The outside is now an attractive area for the children to enjoy, some have commented that it is just like the new pedestrian area outside John Lewis in Norwich.

Over the past few years St Michael's has been expanded and changed to accommodate all the extra pupils that the school has taken on. Governors have ensured that every project has been carefully planned to make sure that it adds to and improves the buildings to make them better for staff and pupils to use.

We can now say goodbye to the mobile classrooms that have seen better days.

Feedback

Governors can be contacted by writing or emailing either of the schools in All Angels' Federation, please mark your communication for the attention of the Chair of Governors.

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