



The Brook School Governor Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Issue 2 - Summer 2015

As we come to the end of yet another successful, exciting and busy school year at The Brook School, we would like to celebrate the many achievements of our amazing children. At The Brook School we are very fortunate to have a such a dedicated, talented and hardworking staff team led by Miss Dowley, who are always seeking to improve learning and teaching for the benefit of the pupils - and to make it exciting.

Our lovely Year 2's will be leaving us, and we wish them well in their future education. At the same time we welcome our new Reception intake. As governors we will be taking a great interest in how they are settling in, and hope that the introduction system we have has proved beneficial.

As well as children we will also said goodbye to staff, and thank governors who have left in the past school year. Alex Gillott, Ceri Tinning, Louise Thwaite and Reverend Angela Martin, who have left the governing body, for their invaluable support over the years. Alex, Ceri and Louise had all completed their full term of office (4 years as Parent Governors). Unfortunately Reverend Angela moved away from Worth Church but we are delighted to welcome Reverend Steve Burston as a Co-opted Governor and Liz Hogan as a Parent Governor.

We are very lucky to have a fabulous team of staff and it is with great sadness that we say goodbye this year to Mrs Jardine who has been a major part of the school since it opened in 1999!

We also say goodbye to Sarah Church, Maxine Welthy, Lisa Tynan and Lucy Gorman. We wish them every success in the future.

Who we are...

Sandy Tong
Co-Opted Governor and Chair
of Governors

Stuart Maclean,
Authority Governor and Vice
Chairman of Governors

Lisa Tynan
Co-Opted Governor

Reverend Steve Burston
Co-Opted Governor

Liz Hogan
Parent Governor

Daniel Mitchelmore
Parent Governor

Fiona Dowley
Staff Governor and
Headteacher

Charlotte Reed
Staff Governor

Julie Burt
Co-opted Staff Governor

Emma Taylor
Clerk to Governors

All school governors are volunteers and aim to provide a strong link between the school, parents/carers and the local community. Our Governing Body structure allows for two staff governors (including the Head Teacher), one local authority governor, two parent governors and seven co-opted governors (one of whom is an additional staff governor, and others co-opted from the community). Governors do not need to be educational experts - other skills are welcomed and valued. We have no powers as individuals, and our authority is exercised collectively. Our responsibilities are managed through three committees (resources, curriculum and premises) who meet at least once each term and report back to the full Governing Body at least three times a year.

We make decisions about school policy, review existing policies, evaluate data, track the progress of the School Development Plan, keep up to date with events in school, agree premises development and carefully monitor the school budget. We cannot do this without a huge input from staff, and we are always thinking of ways to improve our performance in the school's drive to move from good to outstanding. Any input or suggestions from parents are always welcome, so please contact any of us if you ever have a question or a concern.

Schools are fascinating places that change and grow. It is very rewarding to be part of this process, and to be investing in the education of the next generation.

Sandy Tong, Chair of Governors



Are you interested in becoming a Governor? Contact us via the school or email us on governors@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk

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