



# ACE ... In Touch

Newsletter from the Governors

December 2018

## Message from the Chair of Governors...

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year! The school has been buzzing with nativity performances and carol singing as we remember the true meaning of Christmas.

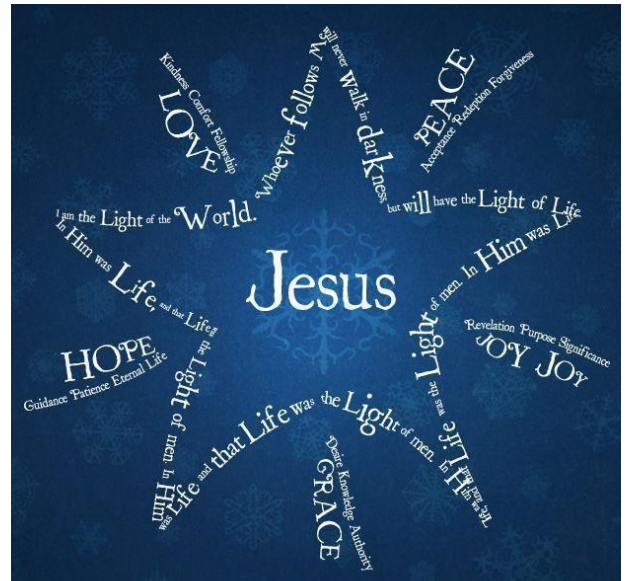
This term has been incredibly busy. We were pleased to retain our Good judgement during our Ofsted inspection early on in the term, and are thankful to all of our staff and children for continuing to achieve great things since then.

The appointment of Mr Meehan as our Executive Headteacher has brought stability and drive to ACE, and I am thankful to Governors from both Ashford and Laleham CE schools who have worked hard to secure the current partnership structure for a further year.

It has been pleasing to see some important work carried out to our school building recently. This wouldn't have been possible without your contributions to the schools Building and Maintenance fund, thank you!

On behalf of all Governors I would like to extend warm wishes to you all and a very peaceful Christmas.

*Phil Wells, Chair of Governors*



*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."  
John 1v14*

## Building and Maintenance Fund Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far this year. Over the last few weeks you'll have noticed work being carried out to install the new doors in the school hall and the new fence and gates along the front of the school. This project was only possible due to your donations over the past year and has greatly improved the security of our school.



While we're pleased to see this project completed, with a building of this age, there's always more work that needs doing. If you haven't made a voluntary contribution yet this year there are several ways you can. Why not set up a Standing Order so you don't need to remember to pay each term/year.

- Standing Order - set up regular payments
- Tucasi - pay online using the payment system
- Cash or cheque in the school office



## Attendance

Thank you to all the parents who have supported our drive to improve attendance by making sure their children are in school, ready to learn, on time every day. Our attendance so far this term is **96.2%** We look forward to improving on this further as the year goes on, keep an eye on the board at the gate on Fridays.

When making plans for days out and family holidays please remember that the school cannot grant any leave of absence during term time. There are 175 non school days each year for holidays and family time.

Regular attendance throughout their school years is important for your child's education and future prospects. 90% attendance is 1 day missed every 2 weeks. 90% over a school year is 4 weeks (20 days) missed. 90% throughout their 7 years at Primary school is 28 weeks (140 days) or more than 2 whole terms missed!

<b>365 DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b>	<b>175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR</b>		→	<b>175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments</b>		
	<b>190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b> <small>190 days for your child's education</small>	<b>180 DAYS OF SCHOOL</b>	<b>170 DAYS OF SCHOOL</b>	<b>161 DAYS OF SCHOOL</b>	<b>152 DAYS OF SCHOOL</b>	<b>143 DAYS OF SCHOOL</b>
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	<b>GOOD</b>		<b>WORRYING</b>		<b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b>	
	10 days absence		20 days absence	29 days absence = Half a term missed	38 days absence	47 days absence = over two months missed!

## Our Christian Vision

Our Christian vision is at the very heart of our school. As well as being what sets us apart from other schools locally, it's also why many of you chose this school for your children. Look out for how we are refreshing our vision in the new year to develop our Christian ethos further as we head into 2019.

*"I can do all things through  
Christ who gives me  
strength"*

Philippians 4v13

## ACE Governing Body

Following several changes to the makeup of the governing body recently we thought it would be useful to give you a summary of who's who.

We are confident that each member brings their own unique set of skills, based on their experience and profession. This allows us to provide a well-rounded governing body committed to providing a clear, strategic vision for the school.

### Meet the Governor:

#### Sukhi Vella - Local Authority Governor

Sukhi is a Learning Consultant running her own training and coaching company with over 20 years of experience in adult Learning & Development in the corporate world. Sukhi has been a governor since 2013, currently serving as a Local Authority Governor. She has a daughter at secondary school.

Further details about all our Governors can be found on the school's website

[www.ashford-primary.surrey.sch.uk/about/governors-info.php](http://www.ashford-primary.surrey.sch.uk/about/governors-info.php)

Governor	Role
Phil Wells	Chair of Governors Foundation Governor for St Matthews
Lisa Richardson	Vice Chair of Governors Foundation Governor for St Hildas
Neil Meehan	Ex-Officio - Executive Headteacher
Rhys Williams	Foundation Deanery Governor
Sukhi Vella	Local Authority Governor
Carolyn Clark	Foundation Governor for St Hildas
Louise Bowman	Parent Governor
William Burton	Staff Governor
Fr Stuart King	Ex-Officio – Parish Priest St Matthews
Clare Marland	Parent Governor
Paul Betts	Parent Governor
Jenny Wilsher	Foundation LDBS Governor
Fr Alex Garner	Foundation Governor for St Matthews
Richard Austin	Associate Governor
Vacancy: 1x Foundation LDBS Governor	