



# ACE ... In Touch

Newsletter from the Governors

March 2018

## Message from the Chair of Governors...

And in the blink of an eye we find ourselves at the Easter break, wondering where the Spring Term has gone!

Easter is, in my opinion, *the* most important event in the Christian calendar as we reflect and remember the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. On a walk around school last week Governors were pleased to see the children reflecting on mindfulness and their own thoughts as they celebrated Respect Week. It was wonderful to hear such young people discuss what respect means to them and how we can all have different opinions, while at the same time respecting others.

I hope you all have a peaceful Easter

*Phil Wells, Chair of Governors*



## Meet the Governor: Rhys Williams - Foundation Deanery Governor

Rhys is a Deputy Headteacher with 17 years teaching experience in primary schools and as a university tutor and Programme Director, responsible for initial teacher training. Rhys previously worked in the City in operational management and as an auditor. He has a son of 26 and daughter of 24.

## Attendance: 94.1%

We've had a high level of illness this term. Don't forget term time holidays cannot be authorised.

## Our Next Headteacher

The process of finding our next Headteacher is under way, thank you to those of you who sent in your comments which helped us construct the recruitment pack. The position is currently being widely advertised and the eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed the advert and information on the school website. As you can see there's a lot to consider and we are working hard to ensure we find someone who has the qualities our school community value.

Look out for more news next term.

## Emergency Planning

This term the Governors have reviewed the schools Emergency Plan. There are a variety of things that can affect the normal running of the school and we have to make sure there are clear plans in place to ensure the school can continue as normal or respond to any emergency that may arise. Situations can arise both before and during the school day, parents will always be notified as soon as possible so make sure your contact details are up to date.

We firmly believe that every day of your child's education matters so closing the school will always be avoided wherever possible. However, as we've seen with the recent weather, there are times when it's unavoidable. While we have plans in place for the school, we would also encourage parents and carers to have plans yourselves for the possibility of arranging short notice child care or needing to pick your children up early.

## Building & Maintenance Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far this year. Your donations have paid the school insurance policy for another year as well as some essential works on the hall roof, if you past the school during the half term holidays you may have noticed the work being carried out.

If you'd like to make a voluntary contribution there are several ways to do so.

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

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