



ACE ... In Touch

Newsletter from the Governors

July 2020

Message from the Chair of Governors...

We find ourselves in uncertain times, and as I write the lockdown that we have all endured over the last 3 months is slowly easing and our new 'normal' seems to be settling down.

Since lockdown, our staff have been in school, keeping our key worker children safe, setting home learning for those not and preparing the school for reopening. My heartfelt thanks goes to each and everyone one of them for making ACE accessible for all.

A huge thanks must also go to you, our parents and carers who have had to become expert scientists, mathematicians, and a host of other areas of the curriculum as you home teach your children. I know it's not been easy, but your support has ensured the children haven't missed out to much. The children have settled in well on their keeping in touch days and my thanks also goes to them for their hard work.

As we plan for the new academic year we are saying goodbye to some of our staff members who are moving on. I would like to wish them well on their new ventures. Similarly, two long standing members of the Governing body will be stepping down at the end of July. Rhys Williams and Lisa Richardson have been long standing members who have overseen positive change at ACE over the years. I am extremely grateful for their service and would like to wish them well for the future.

We will be working hard over the summer holidays to ensure the school is ready to welcome your child (ren) in September. The current guidance is that all children will be back in school and I look forward to working with you throughout the next academic year.

Phil Wells, Chair of Governors

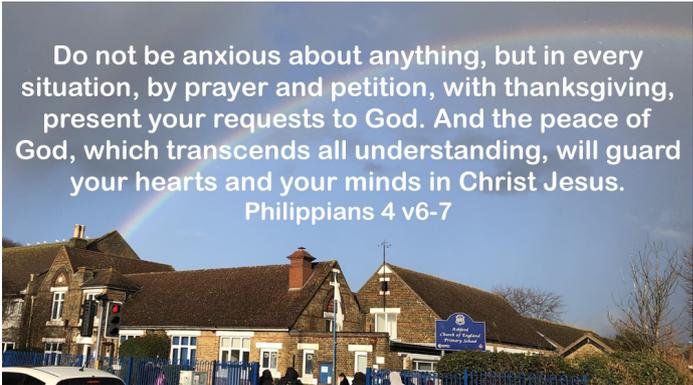
Governor Activities

Governors have had another busy year. The Autumn Term saw us preparing for our Ofsted Inspection and since then we've been working hard to continue the drive for improvement across the school. This involved regular training and visits to school with governors working closely with staff in specific subjects.

Obviously since lockdown we have been unable to meet in person or visit the school but we have continued to hold our regular meetings online and have kept in close contact with the Senior Leadership Team throughout this time. Training as also continued as these sessions moved online. During the Spring Term we held our first Governors Writing Competition and were very impressed with the standard of entries.

Building and Maintenance Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed this year. The roof work completed last summer held out well in the storms at the beginning of the year, and work to other parts of the roof will be carried out this summer. Work completed this year has included replacing one of the school boilers. During the summer the statutory wiring check will also be carried out and any necessary work completed.



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4 v6-7

Partnership News

Our partnership with Laleham CofE Primary School continues to flourish. Prior to lockdown staff and governors held joint training sessions, and worked together across the 2 schools. During the school closure period we have continued to work closely with the chairs of governors from both schools and our LDBS advisor in regular contact. The partnership also provided Easter and Half term provision for our key worker and vulnerable families. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the coming year.

Thank you PTA

A big **thank you** to the PTA for all their work supporting the school once again this year.