



ACE ... In Touch

Newsletter from the Governors

July 2019

Message from the Chair of Governors...

We find ourselves at the end of a very busy, but exciting year at ACE. Governors have been reflecting on the rapid journey our school has been on and we are pleased with how well everyone has embraced our partnership with Laleham. We have been busy ensuring the school priorities are being implemented by taking part in learning walks and working closely with the staff and children.

July is always a sad time as we say goodbye, and good luck, to our year 6 children who close one chapter in their education to start a new one at their respective secondary schools. We also say goodbye to some long-standing members of staff and we wish them the very best for the future.

I'm sure staff, and governors, will be using the holidays for a well deserved rest but also a time to reflect on the past year and prepare for another exciting year ahead.

On behalf of all Governors I wish you a wonderful summer break.

Phil Wells, Chair of Governors

Partnership News

Our partnership with Laleham CofE Primary School this year has brought a range of new initiatives. The recent Family Talent Evening was a great opportunity for the 2 schools to come together to celebrate our children's individual gifts. Throughout the year staff and governors have held joint training sessions, and have been working together across the 2 schools. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the coming year.

Meet the Governor: Fr Alex Garner, St Matthews Foundation Governor

Fr Alex began as Priest Missioner at St Matthew's, Ashford and St Mary's, Stanwell last September. He previously trained as a primary school teacher and taught at a CE school in Somers Town. He married his wife Roisin last year and is a keen musician. He is keen to support pupils, staff and parents to achieve the best outcomes for the whole school community, and to help all children achieve to their full potential.

Details about all our Governors can be found on our school website.

Building and Maintenance Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed this year. Over the summer work is being carried out on the school roof, while not an obvious or exciting project this essential work is necessary to maintain the building. Further developments are also expected in the autumn, more news next term.

I can do all things through Christ
who gives me strength.
Philippians 4v13



Collective Worship

While our Christian foundation has always been at the heart of our school, it has been really exciting to see how it's developed and flourished this year. The changes to Collective Worship have been exceptional, and it was rewarding to see the day to day impact this is having on our whole school community recognised in our SIAMS report earlier this year. We've also welcomed a number of guests who've helped bring a diverse range of Christian styles to our school. From a growing number of local church leaders visiting to lead our worship, to internationally acclaimed Bob Hartman and Duggie Dug Dug who brought Christian stories and songs alive in their own unique ways. It's been fantastic to see everyone engaging with these visitors and the message they bring.

Attendance: 95.5%

Thank you to everyone who's worked with us this year, while we have seen an improvement there's still more progress to make next year.