

Salway Ash CE VA Primary School

Governors' News - Summer Term 2023

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This week we held a leavers service for our Year 6 children. It was lovely to hear the children's wide and varied aspirations and their special memories. Mr Overment also shared some of his special memories of this year group! We thank Mrs Phillips for producing another beautiful scroll of the children's special memories and aspirations which will be displayed in the entrance corridor along with previous years to provide a permanent legacy of this Year 6. As always, year 6 have been wonderful ambassadors for our school and we thank them for being such good role models to our younger pupils. We wish them all well as they move on.



We are very proud of the achievements of each and every one of the children in our school. We are always pleased to hear about how the children are progressing with their learning and we love to see how happy, polite and helpful they are when we come in for governor visits to the school. We understand that there is so much more to education than tests and results, but we are very proud of the attainment of all the children who completed their phonics tests and SATS this year. The progress of each and every child is known by their teachers, teaching assistants and Mr Overment and they are all very proud of the perseverance that the children show with their learning. *We would like to thank all parents and carers for supporting your children at home and with their attendance at school, we have seen clear links between good attendance and high attainment.*



Salway Ash School continues its drive to be Eco friendly. At Salway Ash school we are proud to have had a forward thinking approach to carbon reduction for a many years. It's been 14 years since our first solar and wind turbine installation. Since then we created a nature trail and spirituality garden, had LED lighting fitted throughout the school, removed our oil powered boiler, had over 100 more solar panels installed and we have halved the amount of waste which is not recycled. Mr Overment has also introduced the Harmony curriculum throughout the school which focuses on helping children make links between their learning and nature. We hope that this will inspire new generations of children to be aware of humans' impact on the planet. At our July Full Governors meeting we decided to start an Eco committee with a small number of governors. The committee will have links to the children's Eco council and will look to create a school climate action plan. We hope that this will develop our whole school approach to sustainability and look at ways to further reduce our carbon emissions and continue to inspire a new generation to be green! If you or someone you know have skills or knowledge of climate change initiatives or educational visits please do get in touch with the governors or Mr Overment.

Tom Cudmore
Lois Mason
Ava Healey
Amelle Passmore
Daisy Tyndale
Archie Larcombe
Charlie Joce
Ana Bibby
Bella Huxter
Ted Hopkins
William Joy
Alice Smith
Bayleigh Poole
Felicity Rogers

Memories

Tom : Making weaving items in year 4
Lois : Visiting Lyme Regis Museum
Ava : Publishing in Year 5
Archie : Going to the pantomime in Verul
Daisy: the year 6 residential
Archie: going to Sky Studios in London
Charlie: dressing up for World Book Day

Aspirations

Ava : To travel around Europe
Bella : To be a farmer
Ted : To visit the USA
William: To be a tree surgeon
Alice : To visit Australia and New Zealand
Bayleigh: To be a professional footballer
Felicity : To be a detective



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We have a few governor appointments to inform you of. We are pleased to inform you that we had one applicant to our Parent Governor vacancy and so this month we welcomed Alison Smith to our governing body. Alison runs her own business and is parent to Lynton in Year 3 and Albany in reception. She is keen to make her mark and has volunteered to be part of our newly formed Eco committee.

Anita Brake has stepped down as our Local Authority governor after almost 4 years in this role. This position is nominated to the governing body by the Local Authority. They have nominated governor Fel Moore as her replacement. You may recall in our spring newsletter that Fel had joined our board as an associate governor and so he was ideally placed to succeed Anita. Anita provided an important role of Safeguarding governor and Darren Stanton has taken on this role along with Fel Moore.

Reverend Jo Neary wears many hats in our community and in our school also. She been a governor at Salway Ash school and two other local schools for 10 years. She is Team Vicar for the Beaminster Team and earlier this year she went part time in this role to become a Rural Tutor for mission and ministry at Sarum College, teaching people to become leaders, both lay and ordained, in the rural church. Due to this she has stepped back from her roles as governor in all three schools but we are delighted that she will still be a leading light in our school in her Team Vicar role so parents and children will see her no less than they do now.

We wish Alison and Fel a warm welcome to the governing body and thank Anita and Jo for all they have done for Salway Ash school. Their commitment, enthusiasm and the unique life skills which they both brought to their roles on the governing body has been invaluable. They will both be missed by us all but we know their legacies will remain for years to come.

We would like to pass our sincere thanks to Mrs England, Mrs Dodson-House and Mrs Stanton who are moving on from their roles with us as midday supervisor, teaching assistant and support services manager to develop their respective careers further. They had a special assembly held for them on the final day of term where cards were presented to them from each class, along with a leaving gift from the staff and a lovely bouquet of flowers. We wish them all the best in their new roles and thank them once again for helping to make Salway Ash such a special school.

We wish you all a restful and happy summer holidays. Take care and we look forward to seeing you all return in the autumn term suitably refreshed!

Alison Smith



Anita Brake



Rev Jo Neary

