

Salway Ash CE VA Primary School

Autumn 2014

Governors' News

New School Choir lead by Rev. Jo Neary

As a governor, I was keen to become more involved in school and get to know the children better. I wondered what I could commit to regularly and what might support the school? Perhaps a choir? I love singing and have sung in choirs since the age of 5. I used to run choirs and teach music when I was a primary school teacher, before ordination, and I have plenty of enthusiasm. Thus our lunchtime choir came into being. We have only been



singing together this term, but we have already learnt lots of songs in as many as three different parts. The children sing beautifully which is testimony to the hard work put in by Mrs Carnell in the past. They learn words quickly and are keen to add actions wherever possible. We have learned a new song for collective worship, some fun part songs, a spiritual and Christmas music. We meet in Mrs Smith's classroom at 12.55pm on Monday lunchtimes and welcome anyone from Key Stage 2, staff, governors and parents. Come and sing and enjoy the fun!

School Development Meeting

Back in the summer term, the governors suggested that it might be beneficial to involve all stakeholders in the process of creating our School Development Plan. As a result, an informal meeting was arranged, inviting parents and carers along to have their say on the key issues of:

- The Outdoor Environment
- Communication with Parents
- Community Links

Support was strong and all sorts of excellent ideas and suggestions were made throughout the evening. These were then fed back to all parents by letter and used within this year's School Development Plan. Thank you to everyone who contributed so helpfully.



PTA Fundraising for New Equipment

Earlier in the term, Mrs Crew invited Dorset Works to come and show staff, governors and PTA members what equipment might be available and at what cost to improve the school environment and facilities. We were amazed and delighted by the variety on offer, and as a result the PTA has embarked on a fundraising campaign to





purchase some low level climbing equipment for KS2 and sails used for

shade so that whole school can use our outdoor areas for learning during the summer months. There is currently a raffle underway, with great prizes on offer, and more fundraising events to come, so please show your support and help us to make our school an even better place to be!