

Salway Ash CE VA Primary School

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Welcome back to 2022. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that your children are looking forward to a Happy New Year at Salway Ash School. As a Governing Body, we would like to introduce a newsletter to share topical news items with you. Part of our role is to ensure the highest standards of teaching and learning outcomes are achieved here at Salway Ash and key to this is the role of the Headteacher. We are very pleased to see how quickly Mr Overment has settled into this role and to hear his exciting ideas for curriculum development which we're sure you'll be hearing about as the academic year progresses.



Thank you Mrs Phillips. We are very grateful to Mrs Phillips, who came into school over the school holidays to paint the school prayer to the wall of the school hall. We are all longing for the time when we can welcome parents back into our celebration assemblies to see this in person, but in the meantime we thank you for your patience with our Covid secure measures.



Five years ago, after 30 years of campaigning, a footpath was instated, linking the main residential areas of Salway Ash to the school. The footpath has been celebrated by all in the village, especially by families who can now walk, cycle and scoot safely to school. Other families living outside the village have taken to driving to the village hall, parking in the car park and then walking to school. These efforts have helped reduce car numbers outside school and provide some healthy exercise!

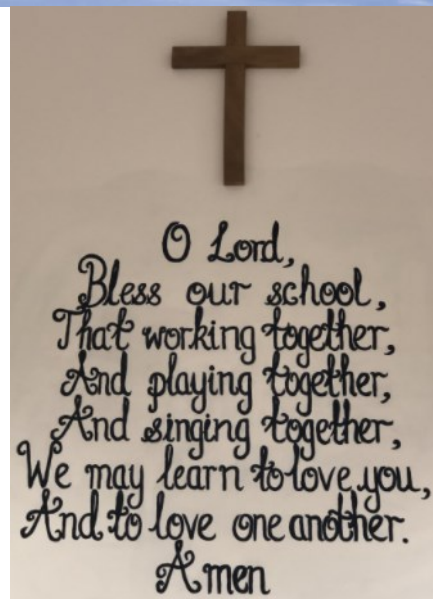
An enormous thank you to all who have been able to choose this option!

We do understand that this will not be a choice available to all parents and that there will still be a large number of cars arriving, parking and moving away from school in the morning and afternoon. The Governors were told of some appalling instances of inconsiderate parking and dangerous manoeuvring witnessed at these times. The prospect of a child being injured is an all too real fear if care is not taken by all.

The Governors implore all parents to –

1. Take note of and obey road markings (i.e. do not park in the turning circle by the main gates or on the zig zags) and respect the disabled parking bay.
2. Park in a safe location with respect for each other.

Thank you



At our last Governors meeting we spent time, yet again, discussing the perennial problems caused by the volume of traffic outside school at each end of the school day “drop off” and “pick up” times. It is inevitable that, located where we are, many parents will need to drive their children to and from school. With a school population of around 115 children the subsequent number of cars will be considerable.

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Salway Ash is a voluntary aided Church of England school and over half our governing body is made up of Foundation Governors. We are appointed by the local church councils, PCCs, and represent Salway Ash, Netherbury and Melplash churches. Our responsibilities are the same as other governors but in addition we 'explore, with our partners on the Governing Body, ways in which the Church's role in the school may be more fully and positively implemented'.

One of the roles for foundation governors is to monitor the impact of collective worship. As the vicar I am invited to lead collective worship once a week, which I do on a Monday morning. It is a joy to be back in school after 18 months of online worship. We gather in the hall, with plenty of ventilation, to sing, pray and share a bible story. The children are invited to consider themes in the story, to ask questions and to think about our school values. Our school values underpin everything we do at Salway Ash so I will often ask which of our values are in the story or which values are lacking. We are also beginning to talk about how the children have seen our school values enacted during the week at school, thus building our capacity to recognise and to live out our values day by day. Our Salway Ash school values are Love, Hope, Peace, Endurance, Forgiveness, Humility, Compassion and Justice. [Please do ask your children about these values and where they see them being lived out.](#)

Rev Jo Neary

Do you have a little time to help our school?

It is a legal requirement for schools such as ours to have a Governing Body. We are made up of volunteers from a variety of backgrounds but we have a common aim to do all we can to help drive improvement at our school and to realise our vision to:

- provide a supportive environment where children, staff, parents, governors and the local community all work together to attain high standards, achieving academic, creative, spiritual, social and emotional fulfilment.
- provide a secure, caring Christian ethos that enables us to grow together, learn together and inspire each other.

Governors are provided with access to online training through the National Governance Association and we support each other as we develop our governance skills.

We currently have a vacancy within the governing body. Being keen to help the school and be willing to learn are the main attributes required! Gaining experience on a governing body where you assist with the strategic leadership of the school will provide you with a number of transferable skills.

If you would like an informal chat about potentially being a governor please look out for me at the school gate with Mr Overment on mornings in January.

Darren Stanton - Chair of Governors

