

Salway Ash CE VA Primary School

Governors' News - Autumn Term 2022

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This term we are delighted to welcome Sammy Sharp as a new Parent Governor to our Governing Body. Sammy will already be known to many of you already as she is a parent to two children in Salway Ash School, Blaize and Cruz and former pupil Harry. She was also successful in applying for a role as a Lunchtime Supervisor this term so most of your children should know Mrs Sharp by now!! Sammy is one of a number of new governors who have joined us this year and all have made a really positive impact and I thank each and every one of them for giving a little of their time and making such a useful contribution.



Darren Stanton, Chair of Governors

Rev Jo Neary speaks to you about our New School Values

Our school values have been revisited and they are hope, respect, joy, perseverance and compassion. We have spent time recently in collective worship exploring these values and looking for them in the bible stories that we share. We have also been searching for a bible



story that encompasses all these values and tells us something about our school and the distinctive Christian ethos we demonstrate in our work, relationships and flourishing as a community. We have decided on the parable of the lost sheep from Luke 15 where Jesus describes a good shepherd who goes after his one lost sheep, then celebrates with his friends when the lost one is found. The parable teaches us that God is like a good shepherd and that he cares for all of us and longs for all of us to flourish. Everyone of us is important and valuable to God and if we go astray, he will come and seek us out and then celebrates when we are found.

Have a chat with your children at home about the story of the lost sheep and see if you can together identify the school values in the story. You can read it in Luke 15: 1-7 in a bible, or online or perhaps look for an animation of the story on YouTube. Our school values are displayed in the school hall, so do have a look next time you are in school.

Thank you,
Rev. Jo Neary

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A healthy Governing Body will have a number of new Governors each year to provide the right mix of skills and experience. Camilla Murless has been a Parent Governor at Salway Ash for 8 years and she feels that now is the right time to step down and allow someone else to step up and take her place. Camilla has been an excellent source of support and advice to our heads' and to the Governing Body and will be greatly missed. A new vacancy is being advertised as a result. We all wish Camilla all the very best for the future.



Could you or one of your relatives be our next Parent Governor? If you care about our school and the flourishing of all pupils and you have an hour or so to spare each week, we would love to have you involved. The role is open not only to parents and carers, but grandparents and other relatives of children at Salway Ash School. You will need to display our school values: Perseverance to get to grips with some new skills, Respect the process of Governance, Hope that your time and energy will make a difference and compassion for the whole school community. In return we can offer support and meetings filled with laughter and the joy of knowing your hard work will make a difference to the education of all the children at Salway Ash. *If you would like an informal discussion about the role, please email our Chair of Governors at: DStanton@salwayash.dorset.sch.uk*

Our most recent Parent Governor, Sammy Sharp wanted to offer the following in relation to her recent experience of Governance. I have been a parent at Salway Ash for over 10 wonderful years. I have always shied away from becoming a Parent Governor due to my lack of understanding of the role. This year I took the plunge and had a lovely chat with Darren (the Chair of Governors) and it was so eye opening that I couldn't not apply for the role. Becoming a governor to me means an active role in your child's learning and being able to influence the direction that the school is taking. Not only will your efforts as a governor benefit your child and this wonderful school but it will also benefit your own personal development too. If you would like an informal chat, please do so. We would love to hear from you.

Thank you to everyone who supported our School PTA last week at their Curry and Quiz night both in providing the delicious currys and helping to plan, prepare and run the night and also to everyone who attended and took part to help make it a success. Congratulations to the winning team!!