

Salway Ash CE VA Primary School

Governors' News

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Summer Term 2022

Thank you so much to Mrs Brown and Mr Best. This term we bid farewell to Liz Brown and Matt Best who joined our school Governing Body in 2004 and 2018 respectively. They have both served us extremely well with Liz, a former headteacher being chair from 2004-14 and Matt working as part of the Premises Committee to ensure the school buildings safe and well maintained. We will be so sad to see them go but we know that they have not taken this decision lightly and that it is the right time for their individual circumstances. We know that they will not be strangers in the community or to the school and we wish them all the best for the future.



As a result, we welcome two new Foundation Governors, nominated by their local church councils, Rosemary Thorpe and Jo Goodfellow. Jo is the mother of current pupils, Felicity and Eloise so will be known by many of you already either through school or the farming community. Rosemary is the mother of Joe, a former pupil at Salway Ash, who has just completed a BA (Hons) degree at Marjon University, Plymouth and in September he starts studying for an MSc in Psychology. Rosemary has a keen interest in learning and the natural environment. Both Jo and Rosemary bring with them a variety of skills and experience vital to maintaining a balanced Governing Body and we wish them every success in the role.

Salway Ash School is proud to promote Environmental Sustainability. This term's whole school topic of Meteorology will have given the children a useful insight into our climate and the weather. We were so pleased to have 100 new solar panels installed this year thanks to a Decarbonisation grant obtained through Dorset Council. These have complimented our existing 18 panels and the wind turbine. It's ironic to mention heating in a newsletter released during a period of such fine and sunny weather, but in order to further reduce our carbon

footprint and reliance on fossil fuels, we have now turned our attention to the heating in the oldest part of the school. This is currently run by a hybrid electric and oil fired boiler but thanks to Salisbury Diocese, we have had another successful bid, for funding of low wattage electric heating to replace the existing system which we hope will provide more comfortable heat for the children and staff this coming autumn term and allows us to stop using oil and make the most of the electricity we generate. Whilst all of this is intended to help us reduce our carbon footprint it couldn't come at a better time as we look to offset the anticipated rise in electricity costs. The less our school spends on utilities, the more we have to spend on providing the best education we can for your children.



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What a cracking summer fete we had at Salway Ash School earlier this term. The Governing Body would like to pass on its sincere thanks to the school PTA and to everyone who helped and attended on the day. The funds raised will allow the school spirituality garden to be created ahead of the autumn term. It'll be so lovely to see the children's design ideas being transformed into reality.



How nice it's been to welcome parents back into school. It seems barely imaginable that when we wrote our Spring term newsletter at the start of 2022 that we were only just proposing to welcome parents back to Celebration Assemblies on Friday mornings. We thank Mr Overment and the staff for guiding us safely back to a position where this opportunity for you to join your children in celebrating each others success has become a regular fixture.



Last but not least, we wish all our Year 6 leavers the very best as they move onto their chosen secondary education. Setting. We are so proud of each and everyone of them, they have represented the school so well over the years. We know that their futures will be bright if they continue to work as hard as they have at Salway Ash and continue to live the schools values in all that they do.



Finally from all of us on the Governing Body to all parents, pupils and their families, we hope you all have a lovely summer holiday!



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