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# SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

Hello, and a belated Happy New Year from us. We hope that everyone had a good Christmas.

## THANK YOU

There are many people we want to thank for making the school Christmas festivities a success. On the top of the list are the pupils for being so fantastic at all the events. The children projected their voices, acted and sang amazingly.

A special thanks to Mr Stroyd for directing the KS1 play Babushka and to Mrs Duffy and Mrs Fildes for directing the KS2 traditional Nativity. Of course, we cannot forget to thank the rest of the staff for their tireless efforts, parents for ensuring the children were kitted out for the plays and 'Friends' for their constant participation both behind the scenes, and for their fund raising at the actual events.

There are probably many others who we have forgotten to mention but we thank everyone.

## WELCOME

The governors have a few new additions to our body. Would you Please help us in welcoming Lynda Duff, Matt Holroyd and John Spindler. We would also like to congratulate and thank Mrs Mounfield for being re-elected as staff governor.

As you will see, we currently have 1 parent and 1 Local Authority governor vacancy. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in helping move the school forward to 'Grow Learners for Life' please contact the school office for further information.

Finally, we would like to congratulate governor Karen Donoghue and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Isla.

## PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for returning your parent questionnaires. The school received approximately 50% back which gives us a starting point on how parents feel and where the school should focus. If you haven't yet, but feel that you would like to make your comments heard, please do not hesitate to return the questionnaire to the school office. All replies are confidential.

## HEADTEACHER

Mr A Russell

## CHAIR

Mrs S Broome

## CO-OPTED

Mr J Benson  
Mrs K Donoghue  
Mrs L Duff  
Mrs J Smith  
Mr J Spindler  
Mrs G Volans

## LOCAL AUTHORITY

**Vacancy**

## PARENT

Mr M Holroyd  
Mr R McCart  
Mrs J McKeating

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## STAFF

Mrs M Mounfield



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## HELP US TO HEAR YOU

The additional comments we received on some of the questionnaires were very helpful so thank you for adding these.

To take this further we are also trying to set up a **parent/school forum**.

This would take place once a term, in school and at a time to suit parents. The meetings will be focused, with a set agenda and minutes taken. The purpose of the forum is to take the views of the parents, as a whole, to the leadership and management team. We are hoping that one parent representative from each class will join this committee.

We are currently discussing ways of receiving every parent's comments, ideas and solutions and will update you on this asap. The first meeting will be based around the comments received from the parent questionnaires.

**If this would be of interest to you**, please email the school office with your name and the class(es) that your child(ren) is currently in and these will be collated and forwarded to myself to arrange contact.

## CHILDRENS SAFETY

We know that this is mentioned in a lot of the school correspondence but could we please remind you to close the school gates after you pass through. Ensuring that the children are safe in school is everyone's main priority and as silly as it sounds, closing the gates is a big part of this. Please be vigilant.

Finally, we would like to thank the staff again for everything they put into making the school the warm, caring and exciting environment that it is. As always if you have any positives to express, or concerns to make the school aware of, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher, the office or Mr Russell.

Many thanks

Suzanne Broome

Chair of Governors

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