



Report to Parents Summer 2019



A Goodbye from the Chair of Governors



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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very busy year, as always. However, we wanted to celebrate with you some good news stories.

By now you would have received your child's reports and our key stage results and Early Years data is a reason to shout!

Congratulations goes to all those children who worked so hard with their SATs and phonic assessments.

The work with Miss Williams and her team will continue and will direct our school improvement outcomes for the new academic year.

We hope you'll agree that the outside area for the younger children is also looking spectacular. Our thanks go to the Pre-School, KSF and our parents who made this project possible with their enormous fundraising efforts.

Sara Carey, Chair of Governors

Movers and Shakers

Just to update you on the movement within the Governing board over the last year.

Since we last reported to you, we have said a fond farewell to Marilyn Trigg who helped us enormously within Early Years. We also said goodbye to one of our parent Governors Jo Richardson.

Our thanks extend to them both for all their help.

We have since welcomed Zoe Cummings, parent Governor and Shelia Wilkes, Foundation Governor.

Current Members of the Governing Body

Sara Carey, Chair of Governors

Paul Clifford, Vice Chair, H & S, Marketing Governor

Sheila Wilkes, Foundation Governor

Kevin Allison, Local Authority Governor

Annie De Bono, Parent Governor, Safeguarding

Eleanor Williams, Foundation Governor

Jane Maharry, SEN & Pupil Premium Governor

Zoe Cummings, Parent Governor

Sam Protherough, Staff Governor,

Louise Williams, a member of the governing body as Headteacher

Revd. Gareth Miller, *Ex-officio*

Serena Smith, our Clerk



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Class Update

Last year because of a decline in the school roll, the governors took the decision in the summer term to reduce the number of classes from four to three with effect from the previous September.

This led to the merger of Year 1 and Year 2. This has been a successful year with many achievements of our Year 1 and Year 2 children. We have made this possible.

**Don't forget we are
SIAMS Outstanding!**

Parents Forum

In addition to our presence at parent's evenings, the parents' forum remains.

The next forum is coming in the new academic year, and you will receive an invitation.

Remember, you can still make contact with the Governing Body through the school office.

If you have any issues or concerns about your child's progress or operational matters, please speak with the class teachers first and then Miss Williams.

*No limits to
learning*

Want to know more about our governing body?

The governing body have a page on the school website so that you can find out more about who our governors are and what they do. If there is any other information which you think you would find useful to be included on that page, please let us know.

There are photographs of all governors at the main entrance to school so that you can put a face to a name!

We also take part in parent's evenings. You can book a slot to see us there as well.

We can be contacted through the school office.

Kirtlington Pre-School.

Work with Kirtlington Pre-School committee continues, and we regularly meet with Rosie and the team. We are committed to continue to enhance our relationship and we are looking forward to working together again in the new academic year.

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The coming year

Finances

"You'll all be very well aware budgets for 2019-20 have been sent out to every school and local authority, and the first thing to say is obviously they are not generous budgets" Tom Goldman DfE Funding Chief

As with other schools, both within Oxfordshire and Nationally, we must keep a tight rein on our financial situation. The funding situation within the Education sector remains critical.

The good news is that we have submitted a three yearly balanced budget to the Local Authority which has been accepted. Maintaining a balanced budget will be a priority for the next few years.

Marketing

Linked strongly to the finances, is the marketing of the school and our retention of pupil numbers. Did you know that our funding is retrospective and is based on the previous October pupil census details? This means that if we have any fluctuation in pupil numbers the real effect doesn't take place until the following year.

We have had some great support from parents with knowhow in marketing and hopefully will continue to draw on their expertise. Our sustainability plan was praised in the recent Ofsted feedback with the inspector.

And finally, ...

It with a heavy heart that I have resigned from the Governing Board due to my extensive work commitments.

I have enjoyed my time immensely over the last five years and have worked with some incredible staff and board members. Your children are a real credit to the school.

The team will now be led by the very able Paul Clifford, who was previously Vice Chair.

A Thank you!

We recognise that engaging with parents is an excellent way for governors to get to know our school; its strengths, weaknesses and its community. As a governing board we will want to ask the views of our parents to inform our strategic planning and give parents the opportunity to help shape their child's education, as well as being reflective about school performance and its own effectiveness.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sara Carey