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Dear parents and carers

Welcome to the spring edition of the governor newsletter

Let me start by welcoming Simon Lilley to the board as our new parent governor. Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view.

We are expecting a visit from OFSTED this year. We are confident that the school continues to provide a rich and varied programme of learning but know that reading will be a focus point so we would ask that all parent /carers encourage reading at home (hearing your child read and asking questions about what they read).

I must extend the Board's thanks to the FoDS teams, as they continue to work tirelessly to raise money, all of which is spent on enriching the learning for all children.

Lastly, I wanted to let you all know about ALP (Ansford Learning Partnership), this is a group of primary schools that, together with the Ansford Academy, work together to smooth the transition from primary to secondary school by offering a wide range of events and activities for all year groups.

Enjoy the spring term

Kate Webber
Chair of Governors



Summer term meeting dates

16th January 2020

Finance Committee Meeting

21st January 2020

Board Meeting

26th February 2020

HTPR Committee Meeting

3rd March 2020

Finance Committee Meeting

31st March 2020

Board Meeting

19th May 2020

Board Meeting

14th July 2020

Board Meeting

How to contact us

Governor photos can be found in the school entrance, we are all approachable.

If you would like to contact us about something specific, please email Kate (chair) on kwebber@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Who we are

Kate Webber	(Chair, Co Opted Governor)
Kate Rowe	(Vice chair, Parent Governor)
Victoria Withers	(Headteacher)
Rose Boyce	(Staff Governor)
Arthur Llewellyn	(Local Authority Governor)
Liz Gould	(Co Opted Governor)
Andrew Nicholls	(Co Opted Governor)
Paul Senior	(Co Opted Governor)
Amanda Davis	(Co Opted Governor)
Jo Crook	(Associate Member)
Kate Knowles	(Clerk to the Governors)
Simon Lilley	(Parent Governor)
Vacancy	(Co Opted Governor)

The committees

The **Finance & Personnel Committee** has responsibility for finance, personnel & premises. The committee is chaired by Arthur Llewellyn with other members being Kate Rowe, Kate Webber, Paul Senior & Amanda Davis.

The **Headteacher Performance Review (HTPR) Committee** is responsible for recruitment and performance management of the headteacher. The committee is chaired by Kate Webber with other members being Andrew Nicholls & Paul Senior.

Other responsibilities

Link governor responsibilities are detailed below:

Area	Lead	Vice
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)	Kate Webber	Liz Gould
Health & Safety	Andrew Nicholls	Paul Senior
Early Years Foundation Stage	Kate Rowe	
Governance Safeguarding Lead	Paul Senior	Kate Webber
Website		Kate Rowe
Data Protection	Andrew Nicholls	Kate Rowe
Governor Skills	Rose Boyce	
Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS)	Kate Rowe	Arthur Llewellyn

Strategic priorities

We'll be using the School Development Plan to monitor the school's priorities, for 2019-2020 these are:

1 – Curriculum

We will continue to strive to provide inspiring experiences to motivate our children. To teach them to be respectful, responsible, resilient and to embrace differences. We will prepare them to be confident and independent life-long learners.

2 – Standards

We will have high expectations of our children and encourage them to develop a belief in their abilities. We will continue to work closely with the community to raise aspirations.

3 – Leadership & Management

We will care for, encourage and support our children in a warm, inclusive and vibrant environment where they are safe to make mistakes.

4 – Structures & Systems

We will provide a rich and varied curriculum which will provide experiences that inspire, enthuse and motivate our children.