

## **The Pinvin Federation of Schools Governors' Newsletter - Christmas 2019**

It has been another busy year for the Governing Body as we have worked alongside other stakeholders in the Federation to ensure the very best outcomes for our children. This is a summary of the main areas of work that Governors have been involved with.

### **NEW SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**

- The Governors supported DoWMAT's recommendation in appointing Mrs Judith Tinsley as the Federation's Interim Executive Headteacher for one academic year, and the appointment of Mrs Sandra Jennings as Head of St Nicholas School, covering Ms Rushton's maternity leave. They have both been a huge asset to the Federation, working alongside Mrs Chatterton, as we work towards making our schools the best places of education that they can be.
- The Governors are continuing to work closely with DoWMAT with the appointment process for a new senior Headteacher, who will hopefully take up their post at the start of the next academic year.
- At the end of term we say goodbye to Mrs Chatterton. The Governors would like to thank her for all that she has done for the Federation across her many years' involvement, and latterly as Head of School at the First School. She will be greatly missed.
- We welcome, and look forward to working with Ms Emma Rose, Interim Head of the First School.

### **NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

- After many years faithful service as an excellent governor, and latterly as joint Chair of Governors, we sadly said goodbye to Nick Watkins. Alison Cartwright also stood down from her role as Joint Chair but is continuing as Vice Chair.
- Alan Brown joined us as Chair of Governors and comes with a good reputation in education and accountability. The other Governors are looking forward to working with Alan in this next phase of Federation life.

### **NEW GOVERNORS**

- We have also welcomed Miss Lucy Smith, Victoria Clarke, John Gardener, and Trevor Knight as governors. They each bring different gifts and insights into the life of the Federation.

### **HIMBLETON CE FIRST SCHOOL COLLABORATION**

- After much discussion and thought the Governors made the decision to end the collaboration the Federation had with Himbleton, because we needed to focus our leadership team on matters related to the Federation schools.

## VISION AND VALUE CHANGES

- The Governors have been involved in the changes to the Federation's Vision and Values. We contributed to the consultation on them and are excited that, building on past work, they continue to reflect the Church of England ethos which is at the heart of the Federation.

## GOVERNOR VISITS AND MONITORING

- Since our last newsletter Governors have continued to come into the Federation on focussed visits. These have more recently been particularly focussed on teaching and learning.
- Governors have also been involved in monitoring attendance figures and evaluating the new behaviour policy.
- OFSTED preparation is an important area of work that we have also been involved with.

## WORK WITH PARENTS

- Governors value the contribution parents make and enjoy the opportunities there are to engage with you. We always aim to have a couple of governors at parent's evenings, so please do approach us if we can help you.

## THANK YOU

- The Governors are committed to doing their very best for the Federation in a time of great change. You can be assured that the Governors will work very hard to make sure that the Federation is a place where everyone can flourish.
- Thank you to everyone who enables Pinvin Federation to be a wonderful place where our children can learn and grow.

