



Billingshurst Primary School

Governor Newsletter

Learning, growing and achieving excellence together

March 2024

Hello and welcome to our end of term newsletter.

The spring term has been an exceptionally busy one for BPS Governors. In addition to our routine half-termly meetings of the Full Governing Body, Finance Committee meetings, curriculum, SEND, safeguarding and other core monitoring activities, this period has been marked by our crucial role in recruiting our next Head Teacher. Governors formed a panel with a representative from West Sussex County Council, and supported by the Sussex Learning Trust, to develop and carry out a rigorous and successful process. Staff and pupils, namely the school council, were involved too, and we thank them all for their valuable contributions. Everyone is excited to welcome Ms Ley as our new Head Teacher at the start of the Summer Term.

This means we are also bidding farewell to our Interim Head Teacher, Mr Ball, and to Mr Leigh who have had a tremendous impact in their brief time with the school. Through their capable leadership, staff have received development opportunities, the golden rules have been introduced to support positive behaviour and parent/carer engagement has been boosted. Working with the senior leadership team, they have led the school to a strong position as they hand over to Ms Ley. We are truly grateful for all their hard work, and they will be remembered in many ways, not least via two wise wood-carved owls that have been carefully placed in the refurbished playground as part of the Ground Force activities.

We would also like to thank Chris Harding-Edgar, Associate Governor who has served since 2022 and who will be stepping down at the end of this term.

We wish you all a very happy Easter and a wonderful break over the coming weeks!

Melissa Galea Holmes, On behalf of the BPS Governing Body

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR PARENT & CARER COMMS & ENGAGEMENT WORKING PARTY?

This is an opportunity to help inform and shape how the school communicates with parents and carers and help us widen engagement with the entire school community.

We meet approximately every half-term and anyone is welcome to join. If you are interested, then please contact us at govs@billingshurstprimary.org.uk

COMING SOON!

After the Easter break, we will be carrying out our stakeholder surveys.

Please do take this opportunity to provide feedback on your experiences of our school so that we can understand what is going well and where further development is needed.

