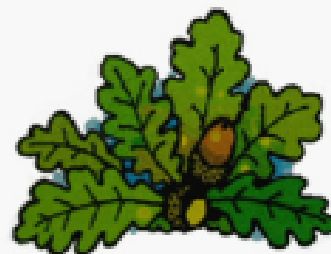


# Bolney CE Primary School

## GOVERNORS' UPDATE

January 2019



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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF THE FAMILIES AT BOLNEY C.E PRIMARY.

As the New Year begins, we would like to update you on what has been a busy year so far.

### The Board

There have been some changes to the board of Governors over the past year. The current board consists of the following Governors:

Faye Heath-Lay (Chair)

Peter Sutton (Vice-Chair)

Ros Barton

Judith Kew

Emily Turtle

Becky Harrison

Angie Nagendra

Tony Bond

Father Keith Littlejohn

Clare James

Carole Wood

Lorraine Kenny (Head teacher)

Zoe Belton (Clerk)

If you would like to put names to faces or find out how to contact us, please visit the governor page on the school website. [https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/the\\_governing\\_body/223485](https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/the_governing_body/223485)

### Pupil Governors

This year, two Year 5 children have been elected as pupil governors as part of the roles and responsibilities of the children in Silver Birch class. We would like to congratulate Unity Hunt and Felix Graham on their new roles.

Unity and Felix will work alongside us, providing a link between the board and the school council. They will help pupils develop a further awareness of the role of governors in school, and be involved in some decision making. They will also represent pupils' views on a range of aspects and feedback any discussions and ideas to the other children. In addition to this, they will meet with some members of the board regularly. We are very much looking forward to working with them.

### **Developing vision**

One of the roles of the governing body is to play a significant role in setting out a vision that is shared by all members of the school community. We've worked with Mrs Kenny and the team to develop a new vision for the school which will be shared with you all very soon.

### **Monitoring**

A further role of the governing body is to monitor the school development plan as one way of holding the school to account. Governors were in school last term to discuss teaching and learning with subject leaders. This term we will be meeting with the children.

It has been great to see some of the actions from the school development plan already underway. The links with the local community have been wonderful with the Bolney Horticultural Society show and the children's big soup event. The children's contributions to mark the centenary of World War 1 were outstanding and the performances at the Bolney History Society's book launch were very special.

Parental workshops have been developed this year. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the workshops in the Autumn Term. We hope you found them as useful as we did in understanding teaching and learning at Bolney.

### **Friends of Bolney**

As many of you are aware through the Worth Less? Campaign, the future for school budgets is not looking bright. The governing body oversees the financial performance of the school and as budgets worsen this is becoming an increasingly difficult task.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Bolney for their tireless fundraising and support of the school. Without them the children would not have as many opportunities as they do. Please continue to support them and the Worth Less? Campaign.

### **Sussex Learning Trust consultation about changes to Warden Park Academy admission criteria**

Thank you to the group of parents who raised awareness and co-ordinated the response to the Warden Park consultation recently, and to all who took the time to respond. We, the governing body, formally responded to the proposals clearly explaining our concerns and are now awaiting a response from the Sussex Learning Trust.

### **Father Keith**

As you may know, very soon Father Keith will be leaving our parish to continue his work in a new area of Sussex. Father Keith has been a governor of the school for 11 years, and in that time he has dedicated a huge amount of his time to the board and the staff and children at the school. We cannot thank him enough for the invaluable work he has done, and we wish him all the very best as he begins this new chapter.

Many thanks to everyone involved in the Bolney school community for their ongoing commitment and support.

If you would like to speak to us or if you have any questions, do look out for us at the school or use the governor email address on the school website.