

Governors' Guardian

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Message from Mr John Stocker - Chair of Governors



Over the 23 years that I've been a school governor I've seen many changes in teaching styles; addressing the latest ideas for raising standards; the introduction of the National Curriculum; the introduction of OFSTED inspections; free early years education and wrap around child care to support working parents. With the unperceived depth of the recession we are entering a new phase in education where there will not be the money in the public purse to build new schools nor I suspect for some of the additional activities and in school initiatives which were previously subsidised by Cornwall Council's Education Department. The new school at Carclaze was the last to be funded from the Building Schools for the Future Program – that's one of the cuts. Colleges are being encouraged to only run courses which lead to a qualification which will help someone to get a job and are facing staff cuts. How will this affect us? We are told that there will be no cuts to funding going to schools, but will we get the extra money to help pay wages and the rises through inflation of materials and equipment used in the class room? At Bishop Bronescombe we are not resting on our laurels; we have invested in hand held organisers for every pupil in Year 5 and 6; we have invested in updated and improved internal alterations; we have invested in new notepad computers to enhance pupils learning and to give them a greater edge in achieving better results. We are embarking on a joint partnership with St Wenn School exploring working together co-operatively with another school to the mutual benefit of children and staff, and feel it will be a very positive move for us to work towards strengthening shared opportunities. We may find that we will have to have dedicated fundraising for particular projects, but I believe that with the support of our parents we can continue the excellent work being made here at Bishop Bronescombe by all of our Staff in providing some of the best education in St Austell.

John Stocker, Chair of Governors

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MEET THE GOVERNORS



Adrian Massey - Head Teacher & Governor
Responsibilities: All aspects of school life
Committees: All

Vanessa Weaver - Parent Governor
Responsibilities: Vice-Chair, Confidential Reporting, Foreign Languages & School Council
Committees: Finance & Personnel, School Improvement



Father David Michael - Foundation Governor
Responsibilities: Vice-Chair, Collective Worship
Committees: Building & Sites, Finance & Personnel



Glyn Buckland - Parent Governor
Responsibilities: Website and ICT
Committees: Curriculum & School Improvement



Stewart Gynn - Teaching Staff Governor
Responsibilities: Staff/Governor Communication
Committees: Finance & Personnel, School Improvement



Joan Towle - Associate Governor
Responsibilities: Child Protection, Attendance & Records
Committee: Finance & Personnel



Sue Omlo - Non-Teaching Staff Governor
Responsibilities: Assessment & Record Keeping
Committee: Curriculum



Anna Freight - Parent Foundation Governor
Responsibilities: Design and Technology, Art & RE
Committee: Building & Sites

Ann Hicks - Foundation Governor
Responsibilities: Music & History
Committee: Curriculum



Christine Saunders - Foundation Governor
Responsibilities: Literacy & Special Educational Needs
Committee: Building & Sites



Carole Gardner - Foundation Governor
Responsibilities: Numeracy & Foundation Stage
Committee: Curriculum



Nicola Gordon - Parent Foundation Governor
Responsibilities: Geography and School Council
Committees: Curriculum & School Improvement



Pippa Evans - Parent Foundation Governor
Responsibilities: Science & PE
Committee: Curriculum



Election of Governors

A Church School has a different system of governance compared to a community run school. The governing body needs to be made up of a group of people representing the parents, staff & church community. The majority of governors will have a foundation governor connection which means that they have an active, practising Christian faith and are able to base certain school decisions with this ethos in mind.

The governing body at Bishop Bronescombe School consists of:

Parent Governors - These are elected by the parents of Bishop Bronescombe School. All parents are invited to apply for this position and if there is a pool of candidates a secret ballot will take place amongst parents of the school.

Parent Foundation Governors - These governors are voted on by the Deanery Synod, the Deanery Synod is made up of a group of Anglican church members . These governors need to prove their practising Christian faith as well as their commitment to the school and have children under the age of 16.

Foundation Governors - These governors are also voted on by the Deanery Synod but will not have parent connections with either this school or any other .

Ex-officio Governors - Certain governors are on the governing body without an election. As a church school these are the Head Teacher, local Parish Priest the Rural Dean or their Representative.

All terms of office are for 4 years with the ex-officio being the only exception.

Report for this addition on the Shoebox Appeal - By Sue Omlo

Governors lead by example in thinking of others, by wrapping shoeboxes, and baking and running a bake sale for money to send the shoeboxes to children, mainly in Eastern Europe, who would otherwise receive nothing this Christmas. Children were asked to think what it would be like to have nothing this Christmas and to give something to put in a shoebox to send. Two shoeboxes in each class meant children could feel that they could do something tangible for others less fortunate and that together their efforts could make a difference.

Parent Workshops - By Ann Hicks

I attended the first session of Parent Workshops and found the afternoon very interesting. In the first one Mr Massey discussed the needs of each individual child which the school hoped to cater for and for every child to flourish both educationally, socially and spiritually. Parents reported that all who attended found the sessions very interesting and informative, however it is a great pity that more parents did not take advantage of the opportunity.

Governors Work in School - Adrian Massey

I am the appointed 'manager' for the school and Ex-Officio Governor. As such I undertake all day to day operations, that is my field of expertise. After 20 years working in Primary education I have experienced five very different schools; an Infant School where I first learned my craft, a school first set up in 1595(!), as Deputy Head in an Aided Church School, Deputy Head of a 450+ pupil Primary School, Acting Headteacher at a small rural Cornish school and best of all here, as Head Teacher of BB! I regularly feedback the fantastic progress the school is making to governors and we discuss the decisions for the future. I am well supported with talented staff and committed governors. I thank you as parents for the support you are able to give in encouragement and for providing our customers! The children here are wonderful to work with. As a team we are all working well together to ensure the best education is made possible for your children. (Thank you—if you managed to read to the end of this first edition!)