

Rownhams St Johns Governor Newsletter

Autumn 2016



Hello and welcome to the second newsletter from the Governors at Rownhams St Johns Primary School.

We hope these will help you understand more about who we are and what we do for the school.

Parent workshop –Wednesday, 12th October 7pm, Refreshments will be served

In October we are running our first Parent workshop in conjunction with Mrs Kynaston. This is a chance for you to get to know us and for us to directly gauge your thoughts and opinions on a topic. In the last newsletter we mentioned that the governor's focus is to be strategic. As a result, we would like to focus on the school's vision, or 'where we want to get to', at this workshop. You were part of the collaboration that created our vision, so we'll share how far we've come on our journey towards it and then work with you to get feedback on 'what works well' and what would be 'even better if'. We want to continue on this journey and so we will take your input and work with Mrs Kynaston to incorporate this into the continuous review of our school's plan.



Governor Profile

Who: Jen Ball

Role: Chair of Foundation Committee

Service: 6 ½ years

Why you became a governor:

I've always been a volunteer in some shape or form wherever I've lived. Making a positive contribution to the community I'm a part of is important to me and the skills I've picked up over time suit the role of a school governor well. As a Foundation Governor, my Christian faith is also a big motivator in helping the school to remain true to its Christian heritage and to provide a safe, caring environment for children of all faiths and none to learn together. I'm a chartered accountant by training and so I'm also a member of the Resources Committee where I'm one of the few people who actually enjoy looking at numbers!

Likes: Being outdoors, action movies & spending time with my family.



Governors' Diary

October:

3rd – Standards

5th - Full Governors Training

12th – Parent workshop

18th – Full Governors

31st – Pay & Personnel

November

10th - Resources

14th – Foundation

23rd – Standards

December

8th – Full Governors



So what do we do for 1-2 hours when we get together?

Last time we looked at what the Standards Committee do, this time it is the turn of Foundation.

The Foundation Committee is a team of 3 governors, chaired by Jen Ball, who work with the Headteacher to ensure the school maintains and develops its distinctive Christian character and we monitor Collective Worship, Leadership & Management and RE within this context. We have a special interest in admissions, equalities and helping the school to meet the obligations of the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). Last term when we met we looked at progress made in the RE action plan, discussed broadening our faith based admissions criteria and planned trips to St John's Church for year 6 and the new Year R.

That's about it for this time. *One or more of us will also be attending the KS1 and KS2 parent information evenings so feel free to say hello.* In the Spring we'll tell you more about some of the individual governors, what the Resources Committee do, how the workshop went and what we're planning to do next.

Hope you all have a great term.

The Governors

