



Governing Body Newsletter Summer Term 2017

Welcome to the latest report of the Governing Body. This short report shows who the Governors are and what we have done in the Summer Term.

Want to get in touch with Governors? You can email us at admin@blabystokes.com.

Who are the Governors?

The Governing Body is a group of volunteers responsible for the overall management of the school. Find out more about who we are at

www.blabystokes.com/team/governors

Parent Governors (4)

Dr Emma Palmer	Stephen Jones (Vice Chair)
Lee McKean	Andrew Maxwell

Local Authority Governor (1)

Zoe Warner (Chair)

Foundation Governors (2)

Rev Grenville Gibbins	Richard Holdridge
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Head Teacher & staff (2)

Deirdre Kallquist	Emily Beadle
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Co-opted Governors (4)

Pam Smith	Olive Hillier
Louisa Coleman	Bev Philps

Clerk to the Governors (1)

Les Bates

Governing Body meetings.

The Governing Body meets at least once a term to review school progress. Each Governor is also on one or more sub-committees, which also meet once a term, looking at essential aspects of school life. This term we have to say goodbye to Rev Grenville Gibbons, Foundation Governor and Les Bates, Clerk to Governing Body, both of whom are retiring

We would like to thank them for their contributions to the Governing body over the years and wish them both a long and happy retirement.

School strategy.

Governors led defining our school strategy, working with teachers, parents and children to inform what our goals should be to 2020 and how we should measure them.

We welcome further feedback on our school strategy – you can read it online and give feedback at www.blabystokes.com/welcome/strategy.

School Summer Fair.

Governors attended the school fair visiting a number of stalls. It was a lovely day with great support from you all.

Everyone had lots of fun and a lot of money was raised which we are sure will be put to good use by FOSS.

Thank you all for coming.

Governors Visits

This term Governors have visited the PSHE lessons across the school to observe the teaching and talk to both staff and children. As always Governors are welcomed into classrooms and it's always a pleasure to talk with our children who are never fazed by our visits.

Car Parking

The Chair of Governors contacted Blaby DC and Leics County Council with regard to the problems with parking outside the school at busy times. An observation was carried out and further monitoring is being carried out by staff. We ask you all to be considerate of how you park and be mindful of the children's safety at all times.

OFSTED

Governors were so pleased to see so many of you attending the meeting with parents held after the OFSTED inspection. Like many of you we were disappointed in our grading especially as we knew many of the things criticised were already being addressed. You can be assured that Governors will continue to monitor and support the Head teacher and Staff and with all the improvements we know are being made we can hope for a better outcome next time

Saffron Lane sports day.

A Governor attended and was pleased to watch Stokes children doing extremely well in all events and having a wonderful time. Our pupils were complemented on their smart turn out in their red and white Stokes sports kit. Well done to you all.

School Council

Several Governors have met with the School Council to chat with them about their roles and our roles as Governors. The children told us they have had a very busy year with assemblies, charity days and helping design the new library. They listened with interest and asked questions of the Governors. We were impressed as always with their maturity and friendliness.

Warning ZONE...

Our school takes year 6 pupils each year to the Warning Zone life skills centre based in Leicester where they learn about safety in various environments, including e-safety, through interactive learning. This is a very exciting and worthwhile experience for all 10/11 year olds. Our Year 6 visited on Tuesday 20th June. For more information visit www.warningzone.org.uk.

Interested in becoming a Governor?

We have two new Parent Governors to welcome to the Governing body next term. They are Mr Lee McKean parent of Mia & Jack and Mr Andrew Maxwell parent of Mani. We look forward to meeting you soon. Being a Governor is a great way to have a real impact on the school. Please contact the school office or Mrs Kallquist if you're interested or you know someone in the community who would be interested in becoming part of our team!