



Governor Newsletter Spring 2023 (Issue 4)

Message from Mike O'Donovan (Chairman)

Welcome to another edition of our Governor Newsletter. We have recently been advised by Bishop Richard of the appointment of two new Foundation Governors, Mr Vin-Sing Ming, and Mr Youichi Iisaka, which was very good news!

We continue to see our school grow, and I am sure like the Governors you are impressed with the Outdoor Classroom. As the Spring term closes we need to prepare for the Summer, and the Governors have agreed to fund the installation of a new outdoor electrical supply in readiness for our swimming lessons in May!

It's is good to know that the minibus has been used on several occasions this term, with trips to the Lightbox, and several football matches, which prevented the need of coach hire!

Finally, I would like to thank the majority of you, who make use of our agreed parking arrangements with The Surrey public house and Wickes. This not only makes Five Oaks Close a safer environment at the start and end of the day, but also prevents complaints from our neighbours!

Have a good Easter.

Mike O'Donovan
Chair of Governor

Governor Activities during the Spring Term

During the Spring term we have attended a number of training courses including one on Staff Wellbeing. We have also visited the school; meeting Miss Bye to talk about Phonics (Read Write Inc) and Master Readers and observe them in action in class. It was lovely to see the children so engaged with their lessons and to hear the impact both programs are having on their learning. We have also conducted the termly Safeguarding and Health and Safety reviews.

On Monday 27th March Mr Davey accompanied Mr Davies and Miss Fidge to a Science Fair at Royal Holloway University.

Science Fair – Andrew Davey

We had a fantastic time at the Science Fair on Monday 27th March. Arranged by Mr Davies and supported by Xavier Trust, a selection of our pupils from across KS2 attended Royal Holloway University for the event featuring a number of Primary Schools within our Trust.

The quality of the exhibits was extremely high and covered various topics from the digestive system to the spread of virus's to name a few, both incorporating incredibly well presented



modelling. There were displays from visiting organisations who represented the world of science and technology. The children were encouraged to interact and design battery operated fans to propel a vehicle, and play interactive games and challenges.

The children had a fabulous day, and I sincerely hope this is an event that can be repeated in future years.



Governors School Development Fund

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who make voluntary contributions to the Governors School Development Fund. Many schools have a Governors voluntary fund which helps raise much needed money to improve the quality of provision for all pupils.

This term the fund has continued to pay for a gardener to maintain our new Creation Garden. The gardener comes weekly to ensure that the garden can be enjoyed during the different seasons and for years to come. We look forward to welcoming parents into school to view it after Easter.



At our last Governor meeting it was agreed that the fund would pay for a new outdoor electrical supply in the KS2 playground, this will enable the school to have a temporary swimming pool installed for swimming lessons for years 5 and 6 each year.



The Governors fund also pays for the maintenance and insurance of the school mini bus which has had good use this term, thank you Miss Grant, Mr Davey and Mr O'Donovan for driving it to transport the children to a number of different events.



Contributions to the Governors School Development Fund can be made by standing order or one off payments. Standing orders can be set up online with your bank or you can complete the attached standing order mandate and return to the School Office.



The bank details for the Governors School Development Fund are:

- St Hugh of Lincoln Primary School - Governors
- Lloyds Bank PLC
- Sort code: 30-90-90
- Account number: 35608268

We would really appreciate it if you could in any way offer a small donation on a regular monthly basis or a one off payment, it would be so beneficial to our children.

If you are a UK tax payer your donation can be boosted by Gift Aid Boost (25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate), please see attached declaration form.

Parent Engagement

Governors welcome your feedback and comments. We will be sending out a Parent and Carer engagement survey in the near future. In the meantime if you have any comments or feedback please email them to Mike O'Donovan
modonovan@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk

Safeguarding

As part of his role as Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor Mike meets with Mrs Grace, the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead to undertake a termly review meeting of the school's safeguarding process. Mike O'Donovan can be contacted on the following email
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