



Governor Newsletter Summer 2023 (Issue 5)

Message from Mike O'Donovan (Chairman)

Welcome to the final governor newsletter of the year!

Since our last newsletter we have been visited by Bishop Richard, it was a wonderful occasion with a liturgy for the whole school and visitors, followed by the blessing of our creation garden, which year 6 supported beautifully. Bishop Richard then had lunch with the staff and governors and then joined the children in the playground during their lunch break. In the afternoon he visited them in class to participate in their RE lessons.

I must congratulate year 6 on their fantastic SATS results, the children worked really hard and should be very proud of themselves. Also thank you to Miss Quinlan who supported them so well.

We continue to be thankful to everyone who contributes to our Governors Maintenance Fund, which enables us to fund extras for the school.

As the school year comes to an end we must sadly say goodbye to some staff. After 35 years of service at St Hugh's, Mrs Rose is retiring. I had the pleasure of accompanying her to a Diocesan celebration for long serving staff leaving, at which Mrs Rose received a certificate celebrating her service. I'm sure you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work and dedication to teaching our children, and all the care that she has shown them. She will be greatly missed. Miss Quinlan and Mrs Ashveer are also leaving to teach at other schools, and again I thank them for their diligence and wish them well in their new roles.

I would also like to thank all the staff at St Hugh who educate and look after our children, we have a fantastic team and I wish them a restful summer break.

Looking forward to September 2023, we welcome Kate Licence as our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Licence is currently the Headteacher at the Marist. Mrs Harper is still with the Xavier Trust in the role of Director of Primary Education, so luckily, we will still see her from time to time. We also welcome Mrs Medina and Miss Thompson who will be teaching years 2 and 4 respectively.

Thank you for supporting the school and looking forward to another new year in September!

Governor Activities during the Summer Term

There has been a lot of activity during the summer term, like last year we accompanied Mrs Rose and some RE followers to Arundel Cathedral for the Good Shepherd Mass, it was a lovely service and the children were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour and participation.



We helped to invigilate the year 6 SATS exams which took place in May and also accompanied year 6 on their trip to London, visiting the Houses of Parliament and National Gallery and walking through St James Park to see Buckingham Palace. Although it was a very hot day the children kept going and were very impressed by the sights we saw.

During the Summer term we have also attended a number of training courses. Further we visited the school; meeting with Miss Quinlan and Miss Scott to talk about Maths (Power Maths) and Computing and to observe Maths being taught 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.

A new parent governor has also been recruited and once all the relevant checks have been confirmed the new appointment will be announced.

Farewell Y6

As we approach the end of another academic year, we are saying goodbye to year 6. From a Governors perspective it is always a symbol of great achievement to see our students move from our wonderful primary setting to their secondary schools.

They have had a flurry of activity leading up to the end of term, with their residential trip to Calshot, swimming lessons, a trip to London and Bikeability. We have also enjoyed their leavers mass at the church and touching leavers assembly.



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It goes without saying, the Governors sincerely appreciate the support you and your families have shown our wonderful team that we have at St Hughs, and we wish you a wonderful, safe and enjoyable summer.



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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 Creation Garden. The gardener comes weekly to ensure that the garden can be enjoyed during the different seasons and for years to come. It has been amazing to see the transformation from wasteland to this wonderful therapeutic space.



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As you will have seen in previous newsletters the fund has also paid for a new outdoor electrical supply in the KS2 playground, so that the school could have a temporary swimming pool installed for swimming lessons. The lessons took place before the May half term. The children had a wonderful time and we look forward to running them again next year.



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

To assist with the effective safeguarding of the children we have also invested in a card printer for the school office.

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



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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 modonovan@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk

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