



Governor Newsletter Spring 2024 (Issue 7)

Message from Mike O'Donovan (Chairman)

I am pleased to report that we have a full Local Governing Committee, it is good to have full representation on the committee, as we expect to get a call from Ofsted at any time soon!

I am sure you will agree it is great to see the progress of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), which should be completed for early next term! This is another example of the importance of your donations to Governors School Development Fund. Other expenses this term included a new battery for the minibus, which thanks to the support of former Governor Andrew Davey who kindly fitted it, means the bus is ready for our sporting fixtures and a trip to Woking Mosque in April.

On Wednesday 20th March, Cath Wellbelove, Kevin Peaston and I attended the Governors Commissioning Mass at St John the Evangelist Horsham with the Bishop. We also heard from the Diocesan Education Service about how our schools and the education of our young people fit into the new Pastoral Plan for our diocese.

I hope you all have a great Easter break!

God Bless

Mike O'Donovan





Meet the Governors

Please visit the below link to find our more about our governors:

<https://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Governors&pid=175>

Governor Activities during the Spring Term

During the Spring term the governors have attended a Maths workshop in school and visited the school to observe and find out more about phonics and Master Readers and how they are supporting the school development plan. The Admissions committee met to review reception applications for children due to start school in September 2024.

Youichi Iliska visited the year 6 class on 26th March and has shared the following feedback: *'I had the wonderful opportunity to engage with Year 6 to share my insights into the fascinating world of law. As I stood in front of the eager young minds, I couldn't help but feel inspired by their curiosity and enthusiasm. I spoke about the diverse career paths available within the field of law and we looked at intellectual property law and the importance of brand protection. The children asked thought-provoking questions, showing a genuine interest in a career in law. It was a rewarding experience to see their faces light up with curiosity and excitement as they contemplated the possibilities ahead of them.'*

Mike O'Donovan and Youichi Iliska also had the pleasure of accompanying Mr Davies and the KS2 winners to a captivating children's science fair at ACS International School on 27th March, where budding young scientists showcased their innovative projects and experiments. The energy and enthusiasm throughout the day were palpable as the young participants eagerly explained their findings and demonstrated their creations. From memory test to how to turn milk into plastic, each exhibit was a testament to the creativity and curiosity of the next generation of scientists. It was inspiring to witness their passion for learning and discovery, and we left the event with a renewed sense of hope for the future of science and technology.





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.

Faith schools have traditionally had to contribute 10% to any capital project funding and as a Catholic school in the Xavier Catholic Education Trust, the school Governors Fund must contribute 10% of the cost of any capital projects, such as building and general site repairs and improvements. We do this from our 'Governors School Development Fund'. The Governors' School Development Fund is made up of voluntary donations from parents of children at St Hugh, for the benefit of the children at the school and over the years,

Nobody likes having to ask for money and the Governing Body is only too well aware that there are many pressing needs on family budgets at the moment, but we hope you are proud of your school and would like it to remain outstanding in every way. Parents' generosity is crucial if we are to continue to provide the best education and opportunity for your children.

This is why we ask for your help with a suggested donation of £10 per month per family.

Any donation, however small, is welcomed but if you are unable to pay we understand. All gifts are confidentially handled. Unfortunately, however, if there are not enough contributions the school will be unable to go ahead with many of its plans. Next year the school is facing the cost of replacing the main school boiler.

If every family pays the suggested contribution of £10 per month it would ensure that annual costs are met and a modest sum can be set aside to top up the maintenance budget. It's really easy to make your donation to the Governor's Fund. If you would like to donate online, even a one-off donation, the CAF Donate account for the Governor's Fund can be viewed here:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24548#!/DonationDetails>

or use the QR code below.

We are able to claim gift aid from UK taxpayers, increasing the value of your contribution at no cost to yourself.





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
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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
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