

St Bede's Governors' Newsletter



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Autumn Term Issue 7

Dear All,

We've come to the end of the term and we are heading towards the Christmas break. I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all the staff, children and parents for helping us to follow our rules and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

This term has been odd, and we've not been able to put on the same events that we normally do for our school community. We haven't had the Advent fair and parents have been unable to come in for the carol concerts or the nativities. Having said that, the school has come up with a great work around allowing us to watch the children via the webcam in the church. It was wonderful to see the children singing the carols and praising God. Mrs Ridguard Thomas has done a fabulous job with the weekly Advent newsletter.

Before the children returned to school, the hall was given a refresh and looks very smart. It finishes off the work that was started to increase the space in the hall which was done last year. Then in the half term, we were able to improve the safety of the drop off by improving the road markings and showing where it is safe for children to exit the cars. Please do follow the instructions so that we can keep everyone safe each morning.

I wanted to take this as an opportunity to talk about the governors and what we do. We help provide the strategic direction of the school and hold the leaders to account by looking through the data and by visiting the school. Each governor takes responsibility for a subject area. We have been unable to visit much this term, but we hope to get back into school soon.

There are different types of governors, Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese, Parent Governors are selected by the parent body, a Local Authority governor who represents the requirements of the local authority and a Staff Governor who represents the teachers and are additional to the Senior Leadership Team who attend all the meetings. The details of all our governors are on the website.

I want to say thank you to our governors who have left us over the last 12 months including Katie Strickland who stood down as a governor this term. Thank you for all your work with the school.

Finally I want to wish you all a very Merry, Holy and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that we can start to return to some sort of normality in 2021.

God Bless

Mary Kucharska

Chair of Governors

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