



All Saints' C.E. Primary School

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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

As governors we each have specific areas of responsibility that we link to school curriculum areas. I have a career background in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and therefore I have been really pleased to have been given the opportunity to take on that particular remit within the governing body, alongside Sue Durrant.

In school we have a lower percentage of children with special educational needs than the national average, however very much part of the school ethos is looking at the individual needs of every young person whether they have SEND or not and ensuring the provision they access meets those needs.

As part of our link governor responsibility we come into school to meet with staff directly to discuss our particular areas. Therefore I have recently been in school to meet with Ms Golden and Mrs Brockington (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator), to discuss how the school works with young people with SEND, as well as others who need additional support. We looked closely at how the progress of each young person is assessed and tracked, and how this is shared with parents. We reflected on how staff ensure the needs of these young people are met in class and how this is monitored. We discussed how, where additional support is needed, it is organised, what the support is and the impact it has. This is captured in a document called a provision map. Professional development for staff is really important in this area and we had a look at the range of training that staff have had and what is planned in the future. The school also has input from a number of professionals outside the school who have particular areas of expertise, and the school is clearly proactive in seeking their support when it is needed. As is always the case there are areas for improvement that could be even better and the school has produced an action plan in relation to SEND. Part of my role as a governor will be to monitor the progress of that action plan through further discussions with Ms Golden and Mrs Brockington.

This is clearly a very important aspect of the school's work and one that I know the staff are hugely committed to. I look forward to seeing how the work with young people with SEND develops in the future in my role as governor.

Mark Emly

New Team Enhances Quality of Daily Christian Worship

As a Church School, learning about and living out the values of our Christian faith is a key part of the ethos of our school life together. Our school ensures that, every day, there is some form of Christian worship which takes place (whether by Key Stage, or in classrooms), and each of our rooms has an area designated to help our worship to take place with sincerity and meaning.

One of the recent innovations for enhancing the quality of our daily worship experience is *the creation of a Young Worship Leaders Team*, for which every year group has chosen Representatives to work together on the Team. My Curate (The Revd. Chris Precious), our Acting Headteacher Anna Golden, and I as Vicar have been regularly meeting with these Representatives to learn from them what they believe the roles and responsibilities of Team members should be. It has been a wonderfully positive and delightful experience

to witness their keen interest, their enthusiasm to be involved, and their commitment to following through on tasks which they have taken on themselves.

One of those tasks is to be a visible presence in most Friday morning Key Stage worship assemblies, in which our Young Leaders willingly choose to take responsibility for setting up and operating the multi-media projector, as well as microphones (so that we can hear and benefit from each person's sharing and prayers), as well as assisting Chris and me in delivering the content of the assembly. Another of the initial tasks (identified by the Team members themselves) was carrying out a full audit of each classroom to determine whether it has the items which should be available for daily worship (such as an age-appropriate Bible, a cross of some kind, a candle, etc.), and what needs to be purchased in order to make every classroom feel complete and valued. Ms. Golden has very thoughtfully secured a budget of £200.00 for the Young Worship Leaders to take responsibility for throughout the academic year, encouraging them together to learn to think strategically about how decisions will be made in spending these precious funds to improve the quality of our daily worship of God.

Speaking on behalf of Chris and Anna, it has been a real privilege, honour and joy to join these Young Worship Leaders when they meet together to carry on their work, to witness their inspirational dedication and involvement, and to be continually impressed by their questions, their perspectives, their amazing innovations.....and their heart-felt faith!

There is much more work which the Team is keen to focus on in the coming months, so please watch this spot for an update on their developments.....I'm confident you'll be as impressed as we are!

From The Revd. Prebendary John Allan (Vicar, Foundation Governor and Vice-Chair of Governors):

Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum

On Wednesday 29th April I was invited as a school governor to attend the opening of The Remembrance Centre. We set off by coach at 9am and were led to a marquee on arrival. We were provided with refreshments before going out to Heroes Square to have our photographs taken. The children were very patient. Eventually, Prince William came outside and spoke to several of the children, apologising for keeping us waiting in the cold. It was the main talking point for the whole week! It was such a treat to accompany the year 6 children - they were so sensible and well-behaved; a credit to parents and the school. The Arboretum staff were lovely and welcoming and we hope to be invited back in the future. I would highly recommend it as a place for families to visit.

Jean Simpson

Premises, Health & Safety Governor