



**All Saints' C.E. Primary School**  
**-- Governors Newsletter December 2020 --**  
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As we come to the end of the Autumn term, the governors would like to update parents and carers about what we've been doing in school since we reopened to all pupils in September. It's been lovely to see everybody back in school and, in these unprecedented times, work has been going on behind the scenes in all areas of school life to ensure that the children are happy, safe and supported in their learning.

Governor visits

Despite the pandemic, governors have continued their work supporting school, both remotely and in person (following all COVID 19 safety rules). This term governors have been involved in a health and safety audit and visits to review arrangements in light of COVID 19. Governors have also been supporting the work done by the SENDCO, undertaking book reviews to see the recovery curriculum in action and carrying out curriculum monitoring in maths, English and discovery. This work will continue to be ongoing throughout the school year.

A message from the Health & Safety Committee

The school's health and safety committee has worked hard since March to do everything possible to mitigate the risks of COVID 19 during the current pandemic. Please be assured that the safety and well-being of your children and of the staff is our paramount concern.

Please see the school website for the risk assessment and regular updates. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support and cooperation especially where it has been necessary to isolate pupils over the last term. We recognise the challenges this has caused to pupils and their families.

On-line learning

After introducing showbie as our platform for on-line learning when school closed in March, since September we have used it for homework and for classwork for individual children who have had to self-isolate. We have also used it, in conjunction with daily small group zoom lessons, in situations where whole classes have had to self-isolate to ensure that learning is able to continue. We have been very impressed with the level of engagement with showbie and zoom lessons and the standard of work produced by the children at home. We recognise that this would not be possible without the hard work of staff and teachers behind the scenes and your support as parents and carers. Thank you for encouraging the children to get the most out of the on-line learning opportunities that are there for them in circumstances where they unfortunately cannot be in school.

### Additional funding

Due to the generosity of local charities and organisations, the school has been able to access additional funding this term. The governors would like to thank the Alrewas Show and Alrewas and Fradley Charities who both made donations. Together with catch-up funding, the school has been able to offer additional support with maths and currently reading, as well as covering the additional costs of cleaning materials, soap and hand sanitiser.

### New governors

We have been incredibly lucky to have two new governors join the Governing Board this year.

Becky Vernon who was co-opted in February and has joined the Health & Safety Committee. Becky has a wide range of experience in school and is also an active member of the PTFA

We have also welcomed Dr Zoe Cross to the board this term. Dr Cross is an experienced Clinical Psychologist currently working in the education sector, implementing a whole- school approach to mental health. These skills make Dr Cross an excellent addition to the Health & Safety Committee and the board of governors in general.

### Merry Christmas

The Board of Governors would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the staff, teachers, children and all of their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.