

# Bicton C.E. Primary School and Nursery

*Learning for a Lifetime*



## Governor Newsletter

### A message from the Chair of Governors



Dear Parents and Carers

We are nearing the end of another busy and challenging term. We started this term with a visit from Ofsted and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and faith in Bicton School. We were very pleased that inspectors acknowledged the hard work which has been ongoing to address areas of improvement from the previous inspection in 2017. Governors and staff are working very hard to continue to move forward with the next steps highlighted in the report.

As Governors, the highlight of our term was being able to 'get back into school' and we have held Full Governors Board meetings, committee meetings and governor visits in person, in school. It has been an absolute joy to be back in school, talking with children and staff, joining in with assemblies and generally soaking up the atmosphere. We hope that we can continue doing the job of 'governance' in school as we move into 2022.

As a school community we continue to be strong and consistent, keeping the children at the heart of everything we do. Our staff continue to adapt in difficult circumstances and have successfully enabled children to be fully immersed in school life once again.

On behalf of all governors, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Juliette Freeman*

### Meet a Governor –

#### Revd. Hannah Lins



After being part of the wider life of Bicton School it's a delight and a privilege to have been asked to become a governor. After serving Bicton as a Curate, I'm now the Interim Priest-in-Charge (following Mary-Lou's retirement). I'm local, and in the deep, deep past I was a teacher- first teaching Secondary Maths and then A-Level Psychology. Though it's been well over a decade since I've worked in education, with a husband who is also an A-Level teacher and three children at various stages in school, I hope I'm not quite hopelessly out of touch!

My real passion is for affirming and encouraging people in the fullness of their identity. So I believe that education should be holistic, attending to those things that aren't measurable and yet form our character: like our capacity for kindness, our community spirit, our awareness of our environment, and our sense of the divine- of God at work in our lives. At Bicton this is an enormous strength- there is a real commitment to helping children to recognise themselves as unique, complex, members of something bigger and all equally valued. I hope that as a governor I can be part of that holy ground- where children are given the space to ask the big questions, to explore themselves and the world around them and to have confidence in who they are and the place we each have in our life together.