

Bicton C.E. Primary School and Nursery

Learning for a Lifetime



Governor Newsletter

A message from the Chair of Governors



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is not long now until the end of the academic year and, as always, it has been a busy one! I know that children and staff have been busily involved in school life – residential visits, day trips, music concerts, sporting events to name a few – and that is all alongside the day-to-day learning! It is fabulous that our children can engage in such a broad curriculum of experiences. As governors, we have an overview of that broad curriculum and are proud of the range of experiences the children at Bicton Primary School enjoy. One such event was the Jubilee Picnic, held on the school field in May. It was lovely to see families together in the sunshine, having fun, relaxing and enjoying activities together.

Governors have been busy getting on with governance – Full Governors Board meetings, committee meetings and governor visits mean that governors are in school regularly. Do come and say hello the next time you see one of us! We have also recently provided you all with an opportunity to provide some feedback by way of our annual parent survey. Governors and staff use this feedback to help us continue to make improvements, so thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. In addition, we do have a ‘new-look’ website – it is super so do look at this when you have a minute. www.bictonschool.org.uk

Finally, we have our Year 6 children leaving us later this month and this is always an emotional time for everyone – we wish them the very best in the next exciting stage of their learning. Do have a lovely summer holiday! See you in September!

Juliette Freeman

Meet a Governor – Janet Leake



During my working life, I spent more than 30 years teaching primary age children, in a number of schools in the UK and overseas. The work was challenging and rewarding in equal measure, and I always enjoyed the annual cycle of progress and achievement, punctuated by special events such as Christmas celebrations, concerts and sports day.

When I retired, though, I was glad of the opportunity to get more involved in other areas of interest to me. I have done volunteering work at the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, and spent a short time at Preston Montford Field Studies Centre, helping to re-instate a sensory garden on site.

One of my favourite things to do is gardening, whether growing vegetables and trying to tame the ground elder on my patch at Montford Bridge, or spending one day a week helping the ‘proper’ gardeners at Powis Castle in Welshpool. Not only have I gained many useful new skills and plant knowledge there, but I have also really appreciated the teamwork involved.

Since becoming Foundation governor at Bicton in 2019, I have been so impressed by the strong sense of community commitment within the school, especially in the light of such difficult and ever-changing circumstances. I hope that I am able to use my experience to make a contribution to its future development and wellbeing, and feel very privileged to do so.