



# Bamford Primary School

## Board of Governors

### Newsletter

October 2019

#### Board of Governors

- Yasmin Knight, Chair
- Gordon Danks, Vice Chair
- Kate Gemmell, Head Teacher
- Jo Jewell, Clerk
- Jen Chapman
- Demelza Whitbread
- Justin Howell
- Mon Rodriguez – Amat
- Will Gumm
- Charlie Britland
- Vacant position

The next Full Governing Board will meet: Wednesday, 11 December 2019.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school office (details at the foot of this newsletter).

Dear parents

Autumn is well and truly upon us with an exciting week ahead including the Halloween Discos and Pumpkin competition (good luck to all!).

The Governors have already kicked off the year with their first Full Governing Body meeting on 9th October where we elected a new Chair.

As the newly appointed Chair of Governors, I'd like to welcome everyone to the autumn term and say that I'm really looking forward to working with the school and the Governing Body over this coming year and updating you on the school's progress and outcomes.

Have a great term!

Yasmin Knight  
Chair of Governors

#### Changes to the Governing Board

I'd like to say a special thank you to Demelza Whitbread who has acted as interim Chair over the last year and to both Elaine Bull and Dominic Hewins who have now stepped down from the Board after years of much appreciated and valued service.

I'm pleased to announce that Charlie Britland (Mum to Robin in Year 1) has joined the Board and will be joining the Finance Committee. Welcome Charlie!

We still have one vacancy on the Board. If you are interesting in becoming a Governor and would like to know more about what being a Governor entails, do not hesitate to approach any of the Governors or speak to the school office and we would be delighted to tell you more over coffee!

### **Primary Science Quality Mark Gilt Level**

We are delighted to share this recent success with you which recognises our school's commitment to excellence in Science Teaching and Learning. The staff worked very hard throughout 2018-2019 to undertake ongoing continuous professional development in this important element of our curriculum delivery. Their hard work has been recognised and validated independently and we have been awarded the higher Gilt Level for Science which recognises that this is an area of strength that has been built up over a prolonged and sustained period of time. As always, if you feel that your skills and knowledge can be offered to support the teaching and learning of science in school, please contact Kate Gemmell, Science Curriculum Lead.

### **Governor Parent Questionnaire**

We would like to say thank you to all the parents that took the time to fill out the recent Governor Parent Survey. The questionnaire is key to helping us to try to identify the views of our parents. These views are very important to school and we use the responses as part of our ongoing cycle of identifying school improvement priorities.

- 97% of respondents said that their child was happy at the school and that they would recommend the school to other parents.
- 95% agreed their child does well at the school and importantly that their child feels safe at the school.

### **Priorities for this coming year**

The school has a focus on Curriculum Development as part of the School Improvement Priorities and staff are working hard to develop the curriculum offer. The Governor Teaching and Learning Committee meets every half term to review and ensure we continue to deliver a broad, well-balanced knowledge-rich curriculum. To find out more, please visit the Governor page on the school website to find out which Governors are on the Teaching and Learning Committee and how to contact them. Further details on the school priorities for the year can also be found within the Governor statement on the school website.

### **PTFA**

Thanks to those of you who attended the recent meeting of the PTFA. The group welcomes new supporters at any time; even small contributions of time to support the PTFA can make a huge difference, helping raise valuable funds that help the school deliver enhanced learning opportunities for all pupils. Planning is now underway for the Winter Fayre, all ideas and contributions will very welcome.

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