



Ashbeach Governor Newsletter

November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and Staff

I hope you are all surviving this challenging time. It is perhaps a time where we can all appreciate all those things that do not cost much, enjoying simple things—playing together—chess, draughts, trivial pursuits [always good for increasing general knowledge], card games, and maybe a challenging jigsaw!



Luckily, we have some super nature reserves locally for long healthy interesting walks. Let's hope the weather is kind the next few months, as I am sure we are all fed up with the rain.

You can never beat a good book cosied up on the sofa for the rainy days. The library has a huge selection, not just fiction but factual books on any interest.



Maybe do a Secret Santa in the family, instead of everyone buying for everyone!

I think holiday times especially are for spending quality time with friends and family—good company and time are the best presents!



We have a second new governor who lives relatively locally, who has just completed her DBS process, so we hope she will be able to join us in school before Christmas.

We do need at least one more parent governor, so please if you can spare a few hours a term to support the school it is not a massive task. On the reverse of this newsletter, I have listed the potential time and tasks, so if you are interested let the school office know and we will meet for a chat. It is vital we have parental input into the governance of the school.

The staff have been working hard to support and encourage your children to achieve their potential, I hope their life is simpler now covid restrictions are receding. The governors would like to thank them for their commitment over this challenging time. A special thanks to our super new headteacher, who has been working very hard for the children since last September.

Best wishes & season's greetings
Joan Morters Chair of Governors

Parent governor-what is involved!

Full governing body meetings:

7 a year-one per half term with an extra at the start of the school year to vote in a chair etc.

Virtual at present to save travel and reduce staff time as one talks to us each meeting.

Monday evening 7.30pm to no later than 9pm

One school visit a half term of between half an hour to an hour with a focus agreed with the Chair/Head.

Write up a brief visit note for evidence of monitoring.

Focus possibilities:

Talking to a few children

Observing an activity

Reviewing some school workbooks.

Attending a couple of training sessions-often virtual during the year on various areas of focus:

Eg. New governor induction, Budget, Curriculum monitoring, Safeguarding, Health & Safety, SEND etc

Write up a brief note to share with other governors.

Your area of focus will be agreed with the chair.