

Ashbeach Governor Newsletter

April 2022



Dear Parents/carers and Staff

Firstly, let me apologise for not writing a newsletter since Feb 2021. With covid and personal issues my life has just been too busy; like all of yours. Let us hope that we can now start to get back to some sort of normality.



Obviously, the BIG news sadly is our super headteacher is leaving us for pastures new. Hayley has done an amazing job over the last 9 years, and we thank her for all her commitment, inspiration, and very hard work. The school is in a good place despite covid.

As you can imagine the governors have been very busy the last week setting up a recruitment process in liaison with the local authority. I would especially like to thank Cathryn Webb our Vice Chair who has been invaluable in this process. Time is very short to manage the whole process from scratch in a month before the 30th May [which is the date when an employed teacher can resign to take up a new post]. Hayley has been super in that she has agreed to stay until Christmas if we are unable to appoint a new headteacher for September. If we are unable to appoint this time, we have several more opportunities with Hayley's flexibility.



I would like to publicly thank all staff for their commitment during the pandemic, such a challenging time for everyone. I would also like to publicly thank the Governing Body who have continued to meet virtually to support the school, many of which had also to deal with home schooling their children and working from home. It will be so nice now to be able to come and visit school and see what the children are up to with their learning.

The school has several exciting projects happening; the energy efficient work on the building to support the climate agenda and reduce our energy use that will save us some money in the long run.

Also, we have the development of the outdoor all weather sport area, increasing it in size which will be great on wet grass days.

I will be in contact to keep you informed.

Best wishes - Stay well
Joan Morters Chair of Governors