

# Governors Newsletter

## Summer Term 2021

July 2021

### From Dan Berryman – Chair of Governors

This has been another hugely challenging year for the entire school community, the staff, children and parent body. Again, I sincerely believe that the school has done a magnificent job in providing as full an education experience for the children as was possible, during these trying times. The home schooling was provided in a thorough and professional manner, whilst the care and attention put into the catch-up plans for all years has been outstanding. I think all the staff should be extremely proud of their efforts during this school year.

The Governing Body have successfully run their full quota of meetings across the year through virtual technology and we will continue with a mix of virtual and face to face meetings next year.

We run three Full Governing Body meetings per year as well as six meetings for each of the committees, SIMCE (School Improvement, Monitoring and Curriculum Evaluation) and Resources (Finance, HR and Premises).

We have also held virtual meetings with each of the subject leads in our role as subject Governors, where we run through the knowledge organisers and learning plans to ensure a consistent approach across year groups. The knowledge organisers for all subjects can be found on the school website and are well worth a read.

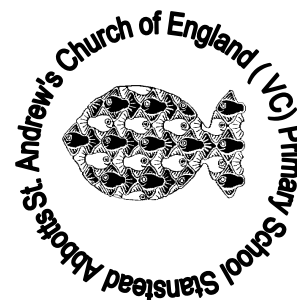
We hope that next year we are able to run a much more normal school year in terms of the productions, and school fetes. It has been such a disappointment that we have been unable to run the thoroughly enjoyable events that enable the school community to come together as one.

The Governing Body would be delighted to hear any questions or suggestions and can be contacted through the School Office.

Many thanks

Dan Berryman

Chair of Governors



## Technology update

There has been significant upgrading of the technology infrastructure at the school over the past few years and this has been particularly vital this year.

The implementation of google classroom significantly impacted the home schooling in the third lockdown and enabled the quality of home teaching to be as high quality as possible.

The Governors Resource Committee plays a significant role in signing off these expensive upgrades, but I am sure you will agree it is money very well spent.

# Learn to Love, Love to Learn, in God's love each one will shine

## Our distinctiveness as a church school

We are still awaiting our SIAMS inspection, which is now scheduled to be in the autumn term. Mrs Gillingham and her staff have prepared the school in so many ways for this inspection which is no mean feat. We are very proud of our school and the children that graduate as well rounded individuals ready for their next challenge.

We are also very keen to focus on our links with the broader community once the pandemic allows. We welcome Gini Trower, as a co-opted governor in September who is already very connected with the local community through various initiatives and is keen to help increase the school's community reach.



## Breakfast Club and After School Club

We now have an established after school club, very well run by Super Star Sports, to join our very successful in house breakfast club. Whilst both these clubs have been heavily impacted by the pandemic it is vital that we can provide the wrap around care that the parents need. These clubs will hopefully go from strength to strength over the coming year.

Please read the website or contact the School Office if you require any additional information.

## Thank you to Gillian Askew and FOSTA leaders

I am delighted to say that despite the challenges faced by the staff throughout this year we have suffered very little attrition. This enables the school to build consistency and strength from the senior leadership team down and will enable the school to keep improving the pupils education.

However, we do bid farewell to Gillian Askew who has been fantastic in her role as PPA cover. Gillian is moving onto a permanent teaching role and we wish her well.

We also bid farewell to a host of parents who have played very prominent parts in the PTA/FOSTA organisations for many years. We would like to say a huge thank you to Clare Maynard, Kirsty Berryman, Sam Boswell and Amanda Francis who have raised significant funds for the school and arranged numerous school fetes over many years.