



# Governors' Newsletter 1

Summer Term 2014

On March 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 the Governing Bodies of St. Michael's VA Junior School and Clover Hill VA Infant school amalgamated to form All Angels Federation, Bowthorpe. The schools were already working together under the leadership of Headteacher, Mrs Newell, but now under one governing body can work more collaboratively.

Unified the Governing Bodies can work more closely together to provide the quality education that the children of Bowthorpe deserve, pooling our efforts and resources to make sure that the two separate schools work in accord with each other to attain a common goal with the guidance, experience and expertise of the Diocese of Norwich to help us.

## Governors

Recruited from both Governing Bodies, the Governors are taken from a wide variety of experience and backgrounds. Here is a list of their names and the stakeholders they represent.

<p><b>Chair of Governors</b> Rosemary Games (Parish Church Council Governor)</p>	<p><b>Vice Chair of Governors</b> Rebecca Cordy (Parent Governor STM)</p>
<p><b>Bishop's Appointed Governor</b> Rev. Mark Elvin</p>	<p><b>Local Authority Governor</b> Linda Johnson</p>
<p><b>Diocesan Board of Education Governors</b></p> <p>Laurie Bolt                      Terry Taverner</p> <p>Sheila Robinson                      Sarah Clafin</p>	<p><b>Parish Church Council Governors</b></p> <p>David Blake                      Jane Cole</p> <p>Bridget Howard</p>
<p><b>School Staff Governors</b></p> <p>Joe Shailes (STM)                      Frances Sinclair (CHIS)</p>	<p><b>Additional Governors</b></p> <p>Laura Nunn                      Sandra Suffolk</p> <p>Toni Bentley (Parent Governor CHIS)                      Sarah Brodie</p>

If you wish to contact Governors please do so via the Schools. Contact details are over the page.

### Did You Know?

The original church, now a ruin, in Bowthorpe Village was dedicated to St. Michael and All Angels – hence the name of the Federation.

## Our Chair of Governors

Rosemary Games has been associated with St Michael's School for over 4 years and was a Governor at both schools before they federated.

An advocate of Restorative Practices she has been sharing her expertise with staff and parents to great effect.



## What do Governors Do?

Governors meet twice a term to perform the important strategic planning, monitoring and legal duties that are the responsibility of the Governing body and much more.

As a voluntary aided (VA) school the Governors have more statutory duties than most county primary schools and as a Church of England school the diocese and the parish provide important guidance for the leadership and for the Governors and staff when making decisions.

Governors are dedicated volunteers, who give up their time and expertise for free. Many have had or still have children at the school. Some have contributed time to the Bowthorpe Community or the Church. All are working to make sure that both schools are working hard to fulfil their vision of providing quality education enshrined in the tradition of the Anglican faith.

## What Has Been Discussed at Meetings?

All Angels' Federation has only been in existence since March 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, but Governors have already discussed:

- Effective Monitoring.
- Vision, Mission and Values.
- Budget for 2014-15.
- Monitoring the progress of cohorts of children.
- Transfer to High School.

And much more.

## Committees and Working Groups

The work of the Governing body is varied and time consuming. So that Governors can work efficiently and to make good use of the varied talents available the bulk of the discussions take place in committee meetings. Currently these are the committees that meet on a regular basis:

- **Finance & General Purposes** – to set and monitor the budget and any other financial matters and procedures. It also oversees the buildings, not just bricks and mortar but also health and safety.
- **School Improvement** – looking at teaching, learning, targets and results. What needs to be done to improve the teaching and learning in the schools?
- **School Ethos** – meets to discuss the important aspects of school life that help us to work together as a learning community and how these can be developed. It explores aspects of social, moral, spiritual and cultural education that promote a strong, caring school.
- **Performance Management** – Under new Government legislation every teacher and Headteacher has to meet appropriate targets. This committee monitors this procedure for all staff and performs the Headteacher's own performance management.

## Gold RE Quality Mark.

Both schools have achieved the Religious Education Council's Gold RE Quality Mark, recognising the quality of religious education teaching in both schools. Congratulations to all the Staff involved in the preparation of the submission to the REC.



## West Earlham Cluster.

Clusters are groups of schools that are usually, but not always, feeder schools for a particular High School or Academy. The West Earlham cluster is a group of 14 schools which are funded by the Education authority to provide services which each school on its own could not afford but by pooling resources they can share expensive expertise such as special needs provision or specific training. Each school in the cluster is represented by the Headteacher and a Governor to ensure the appropriate and effective use of cluster funds.

## Feedback

Governors can be contacted by writing or emailing either of the schools in All Angels' Federation, please mark your communication for the attention of the Chair of Governors.

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