



Governors' Newsletter 2

Autumn Term 2014

Welcome to all families who joined one of the schools belonging to All Angels' Federation, Bowthorpe this term. All Angels' is the Federation Governing Body of both Clover Hill VA Infant and St. Michael's VA Junior Schools working together to provide an inclusive and holistic education for children in Bowthorpe between the ages of 2 and 11.

Our mission statement is:

We will provide our children with high quality education which enables them to achieve their personal best and sets them on the path for life-long learning. Through a skills based, enterprising and challenging curriculum, enhanced by rich experiences and tailored support, we strive to provide a climate where children feel secure and confident to challenge themselves and to develop a passion for learning far beyond the school day and throughout their lives.

We will provide children with a meaningful set of personal values based in Christian teaching and secure skills as well as the desire to become well rounded citizens who continue to contribute respectfully and positively to the community.

Governors

All Angels' Governors are taken from a wide variety of experience and backgrounds. Here is a list of their names and the stakeholders they represent.

Chair of Governors Rosemary Games (Parish Church Council Governor)		Vice Chair of Governors Laurie Bolt (DBE Governor)	
Bishop's Appointed Governor Rev. Mark Elvin	Headteacher Helen Newell		Local Authority Governor Linda Johnson
Diocesan Board of Education Governors (DBE) Sheila Robinson Terry Taverner Sarah Clafin		Parish Church Council Governors (PCC) David Blake Bridget Howard Jane Cole	
School Staff Governors Joe Shailes (STM) Frances Sinclair (CHIS)		Additional Governors Laura Nunn Sarah Brodie Sandra Suffolk	

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

Did You Know?

When transferring from Infant to Junior School children from Clover Hill have priority for places in St. Michael's over children from other schools.



PCC Governor –

David Blake

David will be familiar to anyone associated with both schools. He is Lay Leader and Church Warden at Bowthorpe Church, has 2 children currently at St Michael's and 2 more who have transferred to high school

from the juniors in recent years. You may also have seen him play the piano in various events and performances at both schools.

A member of the All Angels' Ethos Committee he was part of the team that put together the submission to the RE Commission which recognised the excellent quality of RE teaching in the schools by awarding their gold quality mark.



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Restorative Approaches for Families

In the past year Rosemary Games, All Angels' Chair of Governors, attended a seven week course for parents on Restorative Approaches for Families (RAF). These have been run once a term, during the past three terms. She has met parents/grandparents and the interaction in the groups has been both stimulating and enriching.

This work with families is a significant part of the Restorative Practices (RP) work that has been developing in both schools since 2010. Like anything that is worth doing, it is regularly reviewed and extending the work in school into families has been a very positive step forward. The input from those attending the course is highly valued.

As a school community we are constantly learning from one another. Through the RAF course, families and school staff have worked together to ensure that they find new ways to promote positive relationships and to support one another when challenges arise in those relationships. Thanks go to the families who have been part of this important work, for the time they have committed to it and for what they have generously contributed.

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.

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. Current committees are Finance and General Purposes, School Improvement, Ethos and Performance Management.

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

- Energy Saving Photovoltaic Panels.
- Vision, Mission and Values.
- SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural education).
- Monitoring the progress of cohorts of children.
- Special Educational Needs – New Framework.

And much more.

Norwich Community West Cluster.

Clusters are groups of schools that are usually, but not always, feeder schools for a particular High School or Academy. The Norwich Community West 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.



Uniting for a brighter tomorrow today

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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