



Governors' Newsletter 5

Autumn Term 2016

Friends of All Angels' Federation

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of All Angels' for the generous support they give to our two schools. The group is made up of energetic and enthusiastic parents who want to give something back to school and provide opportunities that will benefit all children. They meet every half term to evaluate what they have done and to discuss future events.

Among the activities that they have been involved in are the Christmas Fair and the Summer Fete. For the Christmas Fair, the Friends ran the events taking place in the hall and these stalls proved to be extremely popular with children and parents alike. The Summer Fete was also well received by everyone. They took charge of organising the outside agencies who were involved as well as running their own stalls. They are always interested in being involved in other events as they arise in the course of the school year. A popular example are the children's discos which they helped to organise and run.

We very much appreciate the time and organisation that goes into being involved in this way, both for planning sessions and for the events themselves. This is all done in addition to their numerous other commitments outside of school. They are always willing to hear from others who would like to join them in supporting the children in this way.

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 McCarney		Local Authority Governor Linda Johnson
Diocesan Board of Education Governors (DBE) David Walker	Parish Church Council Governors (PCC) David Blake Gavin Shiers Jane Cole		Parent Governors Vicky Boon Jayne Clark
School Staff Governor Kath Hunt			

Clerk to the Governors: Jennie Reynolds

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

Five Key Principles

- ❖ Respectful
- ❖ Trustworthy
- ❖ Persevering
- ❖ Enterprising
- ❖ Successful

Introducing Your Governors –

Gavin Shiers



Gavin joined the Governing body more than a year ago.

An experienced governor, he has served on the Governing Bodies of other schools. He is particularly interested in the well-being of the children and staff. A practising nurse in the prison service he brings a caring perspective to the Governing Body. He hopes to work alongside Staff and Governors to help provide quality education to the children of Bowthorpe.

Changes to the Governing Body

The close of the academic year and the start of a new one always brings with it change. The Governing body had to say goodbye and thank you to **Terry Tavner**, a long serving Governor first with Clover Hill and then with the federation, and Teacher representative **Frances Sinclair**. You will still see Mrs Sinclair in her role as Reception Teacher at Clover Hill.

We also welcome David Walker who has joined us to support the schools and has already made a contribution to the future strategic management of All Angels' Federation.

There are some vacancies on the Governing Body and we are looking for Governors who are both committed and dedicated. If you feel you can support the school and community by joining us, or you know of someone who has the skills needed to monitor and guide All Angels' Federation, please write to or email the Chair of Governors at the school.

Outstanding Double for SIAMS

In the last Governors newsletter, we were happy to announce that St Michael's had gained an outstanding judgement when they were inspected by the SIAMS team. The principal objective of the SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a Church school.

On the 8th July it was the turn of Clover Hill to welcome the inspectors and they received the very same outstanding judgement. The inspectors said:

- *The school, through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners.*
- *Christian values are known well and understood by all the children who strive to live by them and this has a very affirmative effect on their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.*
- *The motivating use in religious education of the children's own enquiries is highly effective in promoting both their enjoyment and attainment in this subject.*

Congratulations to all members of staff, the inspection report is full of praise for the way the children are taught the Christian message of respect for others and also for the children's knowledge and engagement in RE.

Committees

The work of the Governing Body requires expertise in many areas. Education, of course, but also Finance, Data Analysis, the Law, Health and Safety and many more. That is why, to get through some of the more technical issues, the Governing Body appoints two committees to look at particular issues in more detail.

The **Finance and General Purposes Committee** is responsible for buildings, budget, health and safety, the website and staffing etc.

The **School Improvement Committee** examines in more detail the curriculum, results, progress, data, teaching and learning and much more.

Both committees report back to the Governing Body on a variety of issues at each Full Governors Meeting.

Feedback

If you would like to comment on anything in this newsletter please write to or email the Governors at either of the schools in All Angels' Federation. Please mark your communication for the attention of the Chair of Governors.

Clover Hill V.A. Infant School & Nursery, Rawley Road, Bowthorpe, Norwich, Norfolk NR5 9AP
Telephone: 01603 745559 • Fax: 01603 744432
email: office@cloverhill.norfolk.sch.uk • website: www.cloverhillschool.co.uk

St. Michael's V.A. Junior School, Astley Road, Chapel Break, Bowthorpe, Norwich, Norfolk NR5 9LA
Telephone: 01603 745812 • Fax: 01603 748315 •
email: office@st-michaelsjunior.norfolk.sch.uk • website: www.stmichaelsjuniorschool.co.uk