



Governors' Newsletter 8

Autumn Term 2017

St. Michael's Junior School Ofsted Inspection.

We have plenty to celebrate in the Federation this term not the least of which was the successful inspection of St. Michael's.

You will have received a letter about the outcome of the inspection from the inspector herself and she found many things to praise about the school. Exemplary systems for safeguarding and pastoral care, high standard of teaching with rigorous systems for ensuring pupil progress, exceptional leadership and excellent governance were just a few of the areas the inspector mentioned. She also highlighted the children's enthusiasm for and their love of school which was reflected in their comments about what they are learning and how they are supported by the adults who work with them.

She was also impressed by the systems in place to support children's behaviour so that they are ready for learning and well supported when they need it. The inspector has asked that the school continues to work to improve attendance and to ensure that the more able children continue to be challenged and supported so that they achieve the highest possible outcomes.

The Governors are very proud of both schools and how the children not only achieve in their academic subjects but also the attitude they have to their work, each other and the community. We applaud the two schools' dedicated staff for their achievements in an atmosphere where the children feel valued and able to do their best.

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 (Diocesan Board of Education Governor)	
Bishop's Appointed Governor David Blake	Headteacher Helen McCarney		Local Authority Governor Linda Johnson
Diocesan Board of Education Governor (DBE)	Parish Church Council Governor (PCC)		Parent Governor
David Walker	Gavin Shiers		Jayne Clark
School Staff Governors			
Kath Hunt (STMJ)		Mandy Brown (CHIS)	

Clerk to the Governors: Jennie Reynolds

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

Five Key Principles

Respectful Trustworthy Persevering Enterprising Successful

Introducing Your Governors –

Laurie Bolt

Laurie started as a Governor at Clover Hill in 2007 and became Vice Chair of Governors when the schools federated to become All Angels'.

She was a school administrator with 16 years' experience but currently provides schools with software support for an educational software company.

She has served on the finance committee all the time she has been a Governor and is now the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Laurie also represents the Federation at Cluster meetings. A lifelong advocate of education for all, she shows a special interest in Music, Maths, Science and IT.



Vacancies on the Governing Body

We are looking for interested individuals to help with the Governance of All Angels' Federation. We would particularly like to hear from Parents (they do not need to be of children at our schools) who are both committed and dedicated to maintaining the high standards of both schools and their sustainability into the future. If you, or someone you know, would like to support the work of the Governing Body, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs McCarney or Chair of Governors, Rosemary Games, via either of the schools.

Norwich Community West Cluster

Clover Hill and St Michael's, along with other schools in West Norwich, belong to the Norwich Community West Cluster of Schools. Headteachers and Governors from the schools in the cluster meet once a term to look at issues which particularly concern children in this area. Most of the schools feed into City of Norwich Academy (CAN) and these schools liaise with the

High School to make sure that children are prepared for the change with as little disruption to their education as possible.

During the Summer of 2017 the cluster initiated a project into how to make the move to high school smoother and to ask the children how they feel about the process. The project covered all transitions, not only those to secondary school but also the move to junior school from the infant stage. The project looked to prepare children emotionally for all transitions in life. The culmination of the project was the two-week transition of children from many of the Cluster schools to CAN in July. The cluster will follow this up with a questionnaire for children in the Autumn term. We look forward to seeing the impact over the children's first term at CAN.

With the intention of sharing good practice when dealing with behaviour, the Cluster Headteachers asked Keith Bates, Headteacher of Eaton Hall School, to visit cluster schools to look at strategic behaviour management and at a potential project to investigate fixed term exclusions and how to prevent them. Mr. Bates visited All Angels' last term and was very impressed with the measures already in place to support children's positive behaviour and the work of the pastoral care team with children at both schools. Staff have a positive ethos that supports and understands the importance of keeping children in our schools. Compared to other schools of a similar size and type, All Angels' Federation spends more than average on staff for pastoral and in-class help for children with difficulties. Mr. Bates' observations and praise show that this is money well spent.

Enhancing the Teaching Space at Clover Hill

We started the academic year in September with two new, spectacular building projects completed during the summer. You cannot fail to notice the new classroom block at St Michael's which has improved the outlook of the front of the school and provided beautiful new classrooms for Year 6.

What is not quite so apparent, and yet has improved the teaching spaces at Clover Hill, is the enclosing of one of the courtyards to provide a surprisingly large teaching space. Although surrounded by other interior walls in the school, the large roof-lights give the room plenty of natural light and an airy feel to the space.

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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