



Governors' Newsletter 9

Spring Term 2019

Ofsted Outcome for Clover Hill Infant and Nursery Outstanding – In Every Area.

Congratulations to the staff and pupils of Clover Hill Infant School and Nursery, they were judged to be an outstanding school by Ofsted at the most recent inspection in the first week of March.

The previous inspection in July 2018 advised that the school keep their grade as 'Good' but recommended the school for a two-day Section 5 inspection within 18 months to look closer at the school's results and practices to see if it deserved a rating of 'Outstanding'.

During 2 days of intense in-depth analysis the team of 2 inspectors:

- Spoke to the school's Senior Leadership Team, Parents, Governors and Children
- Looked at children's work, progress, attainment and behaviour
- Observed lessons, playtimes and the day to day organisation
- Examined the school's policies, procedures, website and minutes of meetings.

The inspectors investigated every aspect of the school and issued a glowing report, the school is 'Outstanding' in all areas.

This ringing endorsement is truly well deserved and an acknowledgment of the hard work and effort that Mrs. McCarney and her team put into providing first class education for the youngest children of Bowthorpe.

Introducing Your Governors –

Staff Governors –

Kath Brabbin and Mandy Brown



Serving as a staff Governor for All Angels' is just one of the many ways that Mandy has contributed **to the community of Bowthorpe**. Parents will know her, not just as a Higher Level

Teaching Assistant at Clover Hill, but also for being involved in the before and after school club at Chapel Break Village Hall.

Kath Brabbin, a Year 6 teacher at St Michael's is also a staff representative on the Governing Body. As SEN co-ordinator she can clearly see the impact that money the school receives for disadvantaged children is spent to the best advantage of those children who need it the most.

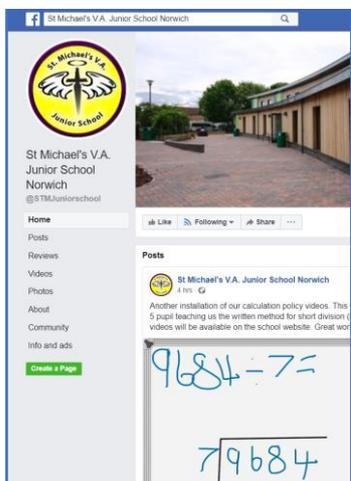
We would also like to welcome Parent Governor Louanna Simmons to the Governing Body. If you would like to support the schools by becoming a Governor, please contact the Chair of Governors through either school. Contact details overleaf.

Five Key Principles :

Respectful Trustworthy Persevering
Enterprising Successful

St Michael's Social Media Page

As a trial St Michael's has been using Facebook to showcase some of what the children do in the school. So far there have been some interesting posts about the Lunchtime Library Club, visitors to the school, trips and events, videos of how to use the bus stop method of division, and lots more. Why not add to the number of followers - just search for the school page and click the follow button to keep up to date.



School Funding

As you may have seen in the national news, Headteachers from across the country wrote to the Education Secretary about school budgets and how the lack of funds is affecting your children's education.

All Angels' has also been affected by the reduction in funding. The Headteacher and Finance Committee is committed to providing the best value for money with the funds available to us. However, the pressure on the budget is forcing us to look very carefully at costs and changes have had to be made.

Governors always have the best interests of the children at heart when making difficult decisions around spending.

Deep Dive Day

One of the tasks Governors undertake is to monitor what goes on in school to make sure that the school is providing the best education for your children. After the recent excellent outcome of the OfSTED inspection in Clover Hill it was time for Governors to turn to St Michael's. A day was set aside for Governors to visit the junior school to experience first-hand the school day and to see some education in action.

Governors were invited into classrooms, watched assembly, saw children in every area of the school and looked at children's work and spoke to the Eco Council, School Council, office staff, children and teachers.

At the end of the day Governors met to speak about their day and all were full of admiration for the enthusiasm of staff and pupils. Everyone involved was fully engaged in the task at hand, not just teaching the core subjects, but also in all areas of the children's development. The curriculum extends way beyond subject learning and Governors were most impressed that the school makes sure that your children's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) education is completely infused into their day in school.

Governors were also impressed with the plans that the teaching staff have for the future with projects that they hope to bring to the children soon.

All the Governors involved were proud to be associated with both schools in All Angels' Federation and assured that the education the children receive is of the highest quality.

Governors

All Angels' Governors are taken from a wide variety of experience and backgrounds.

Chair of Governors

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Rosemary Games

Laurie Bolt

Helen McCarney

David Blake

Linda Johnson

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Gavin Shiers

Kath Brabbin

Mandy Brown

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(Parish Church Council Governor)

(Diocesan Board of Education Governor)

(Headteacher)

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(Parish Church Council Governor)

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(Parent Governor)

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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