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But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded ~ 2 Chronicles 15:7

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

Welcome to our first governor newsletter which we hope to continue on a termly basis. Under the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust we are a Local Board rather than a Governing Body but will still hold school to account and make sure that the very best is being done for all children in our school.

Details of our Interim Local Board can be found on the school website under Governors.

Chair of the Interim Local Board - Jackie Waters-Dewhurst

It has been such a delight to be on the governing body of Weston St Mary and to watch the wonderful changes that have taken place over the last two years. As chair I'm in the school a lot and really feel part of the team. Your children are wonderful!

I have been able to attend lots of events with them; services in the church, school plays, community lunches, tree planting and the Lincolnshire show as well as the wonderful opening of the Ark. I have seen for myself the confidence of your children grow as excellent teaching has unlocked a whole world of exciting learning for them. New resources and dedicated staff really do prove how the academy trusts vision, *Excellence, Exploration and Encouragement within the love of God* can impact on the opportunities for children in school.

Partnerships with Whaplode and other trust schools as well as with the local church and community have grown benefitting staff and pupils and hopefully your families too.

Working with the other governors and with the amazingly dedicated staff at Weston, as well as being greeted by name by your children means that being chair at Weston really is one of the most satisfying things that I do.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me ~ Philippians 4:13

Governor Focus - Vanessa Cook, Vice Chair

I have worked in Lincolnshire schools for over 25 years now, both in primary and secondary settings, on the administration, finance and business management aspects of education. In fact, I started my career as school secretary at Weston St Mary Primary School all those years ago! I still work part-time in schools both in Lincolnshire and London and this gives me a great deal of insight into how different schools operate and keeps me up-to-date with the Education Agenda.

A couple of years ago, I felt I had the time to be able to help in some way in our local community and was delighted to be asked to join the Interim Local Board at Weston in September 2017. With my years of work experience in schools, with governing bodies and educational authorities, I am pleased to have been able to contribute to the leadership and governance of the school over this transitional period and see the children grow in the delightful learning environment that is Weston St Mary Primary School.

Your Views Are Valued! by Vanessa Cook

I have recently been reading our school's website and was drawn to the aims of the school as laid out in the prospectus:

- We are a school that prides itself on our Christian values and aims to ensure all of our pupils feel happy, secure and valued, enabling them to make a worthwhile contribution as young people within their community.
- Our school provides a gateway for children to discover, explore and learn in a caring environment. Childhood is a magical, wonderful time and our pupils follow a varied and active programme designed to give them the opportunity to build confidence and learn everything they will need for their future.
- We will provide all children with a happy, safe and secure environment.

The school recognises each of our children is an individual and aims to give those individuals every opportunity to realise their full potential. As a governor, I strongly believe that a close partnership between the school, parents and the child is essential if we are to achieve these aims.

Parents and pupils are regularly asked to give their views on the school and the governors would like to thank you for your contributions and assure you that we do consider your comments when making decisions to support the school's aims.

The governors feel that the results of the recent surveys were extremely positive but continue to seek involvement from all stakeholders. Therefore:

- Parents, please continue to visit the school at parent and community events and, if you have any queries or comments to make, please do not hesitate to contact the school using the methods of communication detailed on the website – your views are valued.
- Pupils, the governors are delighted with your involvement in the school parliament and the work that this body does on behalf of all children at Weston and hope you feel encouraged to continue to contribute – your views are valued.

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