



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Governor Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to the first Governors Newsletter of this new academic year at Preston Candover C of E Primary School. Before we continue to move on to this year, we would like to celebrate the success of the previous academic year. Every pupil and adult had the opportunity to experience being a leader and this will continue to be embedded this year through the innovative leadership programme. Our pupils had amazing opportunities to experience the Arts, Music and a wealth of sports. We are delighted with the KS2 SATs results, where our pupils continue to achieve above national results. We would like to extend our congratulations to all the pupils, the Headteacher and all staff for their achievements and the achievements of all pupils throughout the school.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Marcus Banks who has recently stepped down as Chair of Governors. We are thankful for his long service to the school. Mrs Penny Parkinson has been elected as the new Chair of Governors.

In this newsletter and subsequent ones, we will explain the important strategic role the Governing Body plays in the school.

We work together using our range of skills and experience to undertake the responsibilities of governors. These responsibilities are:

- Ensuring the clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, including the effective and efficient performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure it is money well spent.

As governors we take on roles needed to oversee these core functions. We do this by using our skills and expertise in various fields. We meet regularly at different committees and learn about the school and different subject areas, through meetings with subject leaders and visits into school. To aid and support us in our roles, there is excellent training offered by Hampshire County Council which we regularly attend. In future newsletters, we will explain how we work to meet the three core responsibilities.

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Governors will be at the new parents Open Morning on Tuesday 10th October and at other school events, so please come and say hello. We are an open and supportive team who follow the school's vision, values and ethos and want the very best for our children.

As parents from time to time you might have questions and queries. Please follow the information on the Home School Agreement and ask your child's teacher any questions you might have. Always better to ask to put your mind at rest. All the channels of communication you require are set out clearly in the Home School Agreement and the Communication Policy. This and a wealth of information are always available on the school website. Please take time to have a good look around.

The next newsletter will include information about curriculum and standards and how the governors use their visits to monitor the educational performance of the school in a strategic manner.

We wish you all a happy and healthy start to the new academic year.

The Governing Body
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