



Governors' Newsletter

Christmas 2015

The Governing body has been quite busy recently, so we would like to take this opportunity to update you with some developments we believe will be positive for the school.



DEPUTY HEAD

Following Mrs Leggett's decision to retire at the end of the last school year, the governing body had the opportunity to consider the structure of the senior management team. The decision was made to appoint Mrs Brown as the Deputy Head Teacher and to move away from having two Assistant Head positions. Already Mrs Brown has implemented some great ideas, such as the sports and maths programme completed with Stoke City Football Club.



MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the governing body has seen quite a few changes. Louise Huckfield and Eleanor Robinson stepped down from their roles as governors. We are very grateful for the contribution they made during their tenure. Consequently, two positions became available which have been filled by Mr Booth and Mrs Dinitikara. Mr Booth and Mrs Dinitikara have children in reception; we wish them

well and look forward to working with them in the future. Mrs Pokora has replaced Mrs Leggett as Teacher Governor.

The last meeting saw a change at the top with Traci Whitfield being voted as Chair of Governors. Traci is a very capable and knowledgeable governor; there is no doubt she'll perform the role admirably and Hassell will benefit from her experience. Naturally, Traci's appointment sees the long serving Phil Richards take a step back from the role of Chair. Over the years, Phil has been hugely committed to improving Hassell school. His dedication and contribution has been invaluable and I'm sure you will join us in thanking Phil for the work he has done. Fortunately, Phil will be remaining with us as a governor, allowing us to draw on his considerable experience when needed.



Traci Whitfield

The coming weeks will see the school website updated with the changes mentioned and some extra information now required by the Local Authority.



OFSTED

Hopefully you will have seen the fantastic Ofsted report the school received following the inspection last month. Whilst we recognise that there are areas on which we can improve, the pupils and staff should be extremely proud that their hard work has been deservedly recognised. Furthermore, 'The Sentinel' published the performance results at Key Stage 2 for primary schools in Staffordshire and Hassell came out on top! Another reason to be proud! For those of you brave enough to negotiate the infamous 'pop ups', the table can be viewed at:

<http://m.stokesentinel.co.uk/School-league-tables-key-stage-Staffordshire/story-28339515-detail/story.html>



AND FINALLY....

We'd like to wish you all a very



and happy and prosperous New Year!

The Governing Body

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