



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
BARTONS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

At the start of this school year I wrote to you to welcome our new Headteacher Kate Powell and as the school year draws to a close we are bidding our Deputy Head Zoe Gordon a fond farewell.

We would like to wish Zoe Gordon all the best in her new role as a Headteacher and say thank you for all her hard work and dedication. While we will be very sad to see Zoe leave we appreciate that this is a wonderful opportunity for her.

Bartons has had a busy year and I do hope that all the children have enjoyed their current class and are looking forward to working with their new teacher in September.

Governors:

At the end of this term we will be saying a sad farewell to some of our Governors. They are:

- Reverend Ann Clarke, co-opted governor who has supported the school tirelessly for seven years. Ann has been a great support to me over the last year and we will all miss her.
- Julie Bennett, parent governor who has been an excellent vice chair of the Governing Body this year and has worked extremely hard to develop a new way of working. I will miss Julie's support and friendship and we all wish her well in the future.
- Kate Pope, parent governor who has provided excellent support in the role of Governor for SEND. Kate's sound advice will be greatly missed and we wish her well in the future.
- Zoe Gordon, staff governor who has contributed greatly to the school's development as it has become an all through primary. Zoe's dedication is recognised by all governors and we wish her well in the future.

As a result of these changes, we will be looking for two new Parent Governors in September so if you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please look out for the letter at the beginning of next term.

The staff will elect a staff governor to replace Zoe Gordon and we will also be looking for a co-opted governor to replace the Reverend Ann. This governor would need to be someone who

ideally does not have any connection at the school but would still like to get involved. If you know of anyone who would be interested please ask them to contact me via the school office.

We will be welcoming two new governors in September. They are:

- Jill Gale, who joins us as co-opted governor to fill a long standing vacancy, Jill has been a school governor before at a school in Hampshire. Many of you may know Jill through her association with messy church and I am sure we will benefit from her previous experience.
- Alison Powell, will join us as a co-opted governor again to fill a long standing vacancy and we are confident her contribution will continue to develop the school further.

Governors Visits:

Monitoring the School Improvement Plan is an important part of the role of the Governing Body. Governors therefore undertake individual visits to the school as well as joint learning walks. The focus of the visits this year were Maths, English, and Working with Others. Without exception, all Governors reported that they have found all the visits informative and we have seen good examples of teaching and learning over the year. In addition the Governors have all enjoyed the class assemblies and the excellent Key Stage One Christmas production and Key Stage Two production of Annie.

Governors Development Plan:

The Governing Body carry out a self-review on an annual basis to improve the way in which we carry out our statutory duties. This has been undertaken during this term and will shape our development plan for 2017/18.

Parents Questionnaire:

Many thanks to all the parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire, constructive feedback is very important to us. The results and the schools response to points raised can be found on the school website in the parents section.

Staff:

Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the staff for all their hard work over the last year. We hugely appreciate everything they do for the school and they have all earned a well needed rest in August.

Finally we are looking forward to welcoming Alison Powell, Kate Calton and Ruth Spencer in September.

I wish you all a very happy summer break.

Kind regards

Deborah Norris

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Chair of Governors