



Governors' Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

The Governors are delighted to welcome Mrs Wendy Bolton as the new Executive Headteacher and we were very lucky that she could start earlier than anticipated in April 2019. This has allowed her to get to know both schools in the Federation before the start of the new academic year and there are already some changes, as you may have noticed. We have a new Federation logo and a new vision (see below) and values statement, which you can see on the Federation website. Another milestone is that Bedenham school was rated as Good by OFSTED in May 2019 so well done to all the team at the school, and an inspection of Holbrook is imminent; staff there have been working hard to achieve a "good" outcome. Throughout the period of change over the last year, Mrs Wood (Head of School Bedenham) and Mrs Dudley (Head of School Holbrook) have provided some much needed continuity in keeping both schools and children focussed on their goals. We hope you have enjoyed the summer break and that children are now back at school, full of enthusiasm for the term ahead.

At the Federation of Bedenham and Holbrook Primary Schools our vision is that children:

will become confident, independent and self-assured learners who excel across the whole curriculum and will achieve at least national standards or better;

will have excellent attitudes to learning which have a positive impact on their progress, will learn about the world, its people and have a regard for history and tradition;

will be proud of their achievements, their school and the Federation,

so that when they leave us, they will have experienced a rich and varied curriculum to enable them to become lifelong learners with high aspirations for the future and are ready to face the challenges ahead.

*Learning together and achieving together,
our children will be enthusiastic learners,
excellent communicators,
at the heart of our community and active and healthy.*

UPDATE ON GOVERNORS

The Governing Body decided that it was time to reconstitute and reduce our numbers to 13 as we always seemed to have a couple of vacancies that we could never fill. This happened in May, and we anticipate that we will have a full complement of governors in the very near future. At the start of every new academic year, we review the roles and responsibilities of each governor and these are listed below:-

- Jan Heath - Chair,
- Kelly Lethbridge - Local Authority governor/Development and Training Governor
- Caroline Landon - Website
- Sam Reed - Health and Safety governor
- Richard Dickson - SEN governor
- Graham Cull - Vice Chair/Pupil Premium,
- Simon Lloyd - Staff Governor
- Hayley Manfield - Parent Governor Holbrook/Early years governor
- Tracey Scantlebury - Parent Governor Bedenham /Safeguarding
- Tracie Denton - Curriculum governor
- Connor Gibson - new governor
- Caroline Wood - Associate Governor (Bedenham)
- Zoe Dudley - Associate Governor (Holbrook)
- Wendy Bolton Executive Headteacher

We are pleased to welcome Conner Gibson who has recently joined the Governing Body.

The Governing Body has 3 committees which meet regularly through the year. These are the School Improvement Committee looking at both schools, Finance committee and Pay Committee. All our governors sit on all or some of these committees.

In this new academic year, governors are looking forward to hearing more about the different topics contained within the curriculum. We are expecting to receive reports from the subject leads about what they are teaching within their specialisation. We will be starting with English and Maths in the October school improvement committee, and at the next meeting in December we will hear about History, Science and Modern Foreign Languages. At the December meeting we will also hear from Young Governors, House Captains and Sports Captains about what they are doing within school.

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