

Welcome to the Governor newsletter for Spring 2023!

Following the recent Ofsted inspection we are delighted and proud that Wootton Bassett Infants has been recognised as a 'GOOD' school. Whilst governors were confident that the school, under the leadership of Mrs Pass was doing well, we were all thrilled to hear to the inspector's positive verbal feedback which was followed up with a written report which we hope you've all had the opportunity to read.

We were particularly pleased to hear how impressed the inspector was with the children who have 'positive attitudes and are keen to learn'. This is testament not only to our amazing children, but also a fantastic reflection of the ethos and culture in the school created by the leaders, teachers and all adults that the children encounter during their school day and we want to thank everyone involved in making Wootton Bassett Infants a school that is 'kind and friendly, where everyone is welcome'.

We also want to thank everyone who took the time to complete the Parent View survey. The feedback was incredibly positive and we were delighted to see that 100% of parents who completed the survey felt their children were happy and safe at school. Thank you for your ongoing support and continuing to work alongside the school to ensure all our children achieve their full potential.

Governors will continue to support and challenge the senior leadership team to ensure the momentum of positive improvement continues and we all look forward with optimism and confidence.

WHO ARE WE?

Parent Governors

Gemma Clatworthy
Nicola Goldberg

Co-Opted Governors

Michelle McDermitt – Chair
Kathryn Lancaster – Vice Chair
Christine Hodkinson

Local Authority

Marcus Farr

Staff

Alison Pass – Headteacher
Emily Smith

THINGS WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DISCUSSING

- Governors have spent lots of time in school to look at progress being made towards the school improvement priorities.
- The new phonics scheme has been launched and embedded successfully and children are making good progress from their starting points.
- We continue to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the mastering number programme.
- We welcomed Mrs Bowditch to a recent governor meeting to discuss continuous provision, to understand what this looks like at Wootton Bassett Infants' School and what impact it has on the children's learning.
- Some of us attended the outdoor learning day and enjoyed chatting to the children about their experiences.
- Unfortunately, Marcus Farr is stepping down as a governor at the end of term 4 and we thank him for over 13 years of dedication and commitment towards improving outcomes for the many children who have passed through the school in that time.
- WE ARE RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS! If you, or someone you know, would like to join our governing board to help support our children on their educational journey, we'd love to hear from you. Please see the attached flyer for full details.



We are looking to appoint co-opted volunteers to our friendly and inclusive governing body to help shape the future of Wootton Bassett Infants' School and make a difference to the next generation within our community.

Take a look at our website
woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk

We welcome applications from all backgrounds and you don't need to be an expert in education, in fact we'd love to hear from you if you have other useful skills and experience such as HR, marketing, strategy and health & safety.

Perhaps you are an ex-pupil that wants to give something back to the school, or maybe you love the local community and want to support children to reach their full potential. Whatever your motivation, being a governor is an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

We meet six times a year, usually in the evenings and visits to the school are encouraged. Full training will be provided.

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