

# Royal Cross Governors Newsletter

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End of Year Edition – July 2023

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Welcome to this End of Year Newsletter which reflects on what has been a challenging, but rewarding Year, for everyone involved with the School.

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Dear Reader,

As everyone is aware Bev Hennefer, our Headteacher is retiring at the End of Term; it was great to see so many people turn out for her “farewell” events in School last week. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and of course wish her success in whatever ventures she embarks upon in retirement.

I would also like to welcome Sofia Parveen in her new role as Headteacher from September 2023, and also her replacement Claire Cunliffe, who will be joining us as the new Deputy Headteacher at the start of next Term. I am sure you will support both in their new roles.

Finally, I would like to wish you all well for the holidays.

Thanks,

Clive Gregory, Chair of Governors

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## Changes to the Membership of the Governing Body

Over the last year two of our Governors have left the Governing Body; Chris Bowker and Hazel Atherton who both resigned due to other commitments. I would like to thank both Chris and Hazel for the work they put into the Governing Body and their commitment to the School. We wish them both well for the future.

We also welcomed Sarah Crawford, Biren Mehta, Andrea Holbrook and Nicola Kay to the Governing Body. Each brings with them considerable experience from outside the School with Andrea and Nicola in the role as Parent Governors. We look forward to working with all these new appointees.

## Governor Activities

As you may be aware School Governors are required to set, in conjunction with the Headteacher, the overall Strategy Direction for the School, to ensure that Public Money is well spent and to hold the School's Strategic Leadership to Account for Performance.

In order to discharge these responsibilities, Governors meet formally 6 times a year. In addition, various

Governors visit the School to discuss a range of topics with Staff and Pupils. They also undertake Training Courses and engage with various outside organisations.

Furthermore, Governors also work to publicise the School and provide small work parties to tidy up the Willow Garden and other areas of the School.

## Going Forward

Our focus going forward is on ensuring that Pupils are provided with as wide as possible curriculum. This will allow them to be as prepared as they can be for the modern world.

We are also looking to ensure that the School has a long term future so it is vitally important that the School is publicised to a wide as possible audience. This will ensure that there is a constant flow of new pupils. This includes inviting prospective Parents/Pupils to attend our popular and successful "Stay and Play" events. Thanks to our Early Years Staff for making these "Stay and Play" sessions such a hit with both prospective Parents and Pupils.

The School will also continue to run activities for Parents including those on Internet Safety focusing on what is changing in the world of "apps" including of course "Social Media".

## Finally

The support of the Parents is one of the reasons that the School is such a success. It was therefore very much appreciated that Parents were able to be present at the School Sports Celebration/Summer Fair. I enjoyed talking with many of you and I am sure that everyone enjoyed what was a very busy Day filled with many sporting and other activities.

As the Staff and Pupils head off on their Summer Break we wish them well and hope everyone returns refreshed and ready for next Academic Year.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Governing Body then please either visit the website <https://www.royalcross.lancs.sch.uk/page/governors/36997> or contact the School.

Thank you for your interest and support.