



ST KEYNA PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Wednesday 24th March 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am writing to update you on school generally, pass on some exciting news and also ask for you to consider being a Parent Governor.

Firstly, I wanted to let you know that school feels really good: behaviour is excellent and our focus on key skills appears to be working really well. We have started to carry out assessments this week to give us a new baseline to help fully focus our catch-up interventions in the coming months. As usual, there will be pupil progress meetings at the start of the next term including Mr. Gumm, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Jones and class teachers to review the progress of each child individually. This is something that we routinely do but I thought you would be interested to know that we will have a focused look at the progress of every child in the school.

Something to look forward to

To counter the stresses and frustrations of lockdown I have booked something fun for us to look forward to: ½ days of outdoor education for all children in Years 1-5. It will include 3 activities including archery and climbing and the dates are as follows:

Monday 17th May -Topaz and then Aquamarine, Tuesday 18th May - Amber and then Amethyst, Friday 21st May – Jade and then Sapphire.

Reception and Nursery will also have an interesting enrichment activity but we haven't quite decided on the activity yet – we will keep you posted.

Finally, our Year 6 who missed out on their residential will have a one day trip to a residential center from 9am until 9pm on Friday 9th July (guidance permitting) and they will take part in a very wide range of activities including canoeing, climbing, archery and even axe throwing. To top the day off they will have a barbecue.

I will write with further details about costs but I am very pleased to announce that these activities have been subsidised by a charity based in Bath, called the St John's Foundation.

I can't wait to see the children having fun, trying new activities and gaining in confidence.

Parent Governors

I will be sending a letter out next term to ask for 2 applicants to be Parent Governors for our school. The key time commitment is for up to ten, two hour meetings from 6-8pm on Wednesday evenings spread out over the school year, which currently are held over Zoom. To find out more please do contact Mr. Gumm, over the phone or in the playground. Please read on to gain the perspective of Sean, a Governor, who has recently come to the end of his term of office:



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My name is Sean and I've been a school governor for more than 10 years. I've had the pleasure of working with a number of schools including secondary schools and primaries. In stepping down from being a parent governor at St Keyna I wanted to take a moment to encourage you to get involved. The team you'll be joining is made up of familiar faces from around school and also engaged and interested people from all works of life outside school. They're very friendly and will help you get to grips with everything. After more than ten years and many different schools I can promise you there's always something new to learn and you certainly don't need a background in education. When I started as a school governor, I wasn't even a parent, let alone being from a teaching background. As well as being brilliant for the school and our local community there's also a lot in it for you as well because a school governor role is great for skills development and employers often look favourably on CVs of school governors because it demonstrates good leadership and commitment.

As Sean has stated, the Governor does not need to be a parent/carer. It could be an interested Grandparent or even one of your personal contacts who you think would fit the bill. Please do give this some consideration as Parent Governors are really important and we do have 2 Parent Governor vacancies and also 1 other vacancy.

Thank you to all parents and carers for helping the children settle so well as we all focus on the crucial task of helping the children to do their very best every single day at school.

With best wishes,

Steve Gumm