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OUR GOVERNORS

The Governors thought it would be useful to provide information to parents about what we do, so we're going to give an update in the school newsletter on a termly basis.

Within this first update, we thought it would be useful to give an overview of what the role of the Governing Body is and who we are.

Governors have a number of responsibilities, which are primarily:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Agreeing its policies and objectives
- Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure that the school budget is spent responsibly
- Appointing the Head teacher and monitoring their performance

Decisions taken by Governors are based on the advice of committees, made up of members of the Governing Body, which deal with specific issues and report back to the Governing Body. The two sub committees are the Performance and Standards and the Resources committee.

Both of these committees meet once per term and discuss relevant issues, all within the context of ensuring that the children at school are equipped with the tools, teaching and learning to enable them to develop and make progress.

Some Governors also have specific responsibilities for other areas, such as Maths, Literacy, Science, School Finances, and Health and Safety - these Governors also meet with appropriate members of staff on at least a termly basis and report back to the Governing Body.

Governors are elected for an initial four year term and are given the opportunity to undergo training to ensure that they can keep up to date with relevant legislation and improve their skills.

The Governing Body of the school is currently made up of ten governors, including two members of staff and three parent governors, as follows:

Ali Thompson - Chair of the Governing Body

Sam Welsby - Headteacher

Natalie Hufton - Parent Governor

Yvette McEwan - Parent Governor

Alex Balzaretto - Parent Governor

Claire Child - Staff Governor

Rev Chris Goble - Foundation Governor

Ann Jackson - Foundation Governor

Nick Fellows - Local Authority Governor

Barney Hatch - Co-opted Governor

If you have any questions for any members of the Governing Body, please do not hesitate to contact them via the school office.

Nursery

Welcome to Mrs Wilkes who started in our nursery after the Easter break and to Poppy, Dyllan and Lucia our new nursery children.

Paying by BACS

I hope that some of you will take advantage of paying for dinner money, trips etc by using BACS. BACS is the electronic transfer of money from bank account to bank account. If you wish to use this service to pay for activities at school it is vitally important that you reference your payment carefully. Please can you ensure that you include your child's name, date and the activity you are paying for on the reference. If you don't include all these details then it will be very difficult for the office to process the payments.

Account name: Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School

Sort Code: 30-98-26

Account number: 60236360

PLEASE MAKE ALL REFERENCE CLEAR WITH CHILD'S NAME, DATE AND ACTIVITY BEING PAID FOR.

All cheques should now be made payable to Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School WCC

Promoting Independence of our children

Thank you for your cooperation with the changes to the morning arrangements at Tredington. The teachers have already commented on the fact that their mornings are more productive and the children are aware of what they have brought in. We have also addressed a safeguarding issue related to unaccompanied adults moving around the school.

We are aware that the openness of the school is very important at Newbold and Tredington and we would like to introduce the next part of our revised morning plan. The doors will be open to parents on Friday morning, so that you have the opportunity to come into the classroom and look at the displays and work. I do ask that if you need to go to the office, you go around the outside and not through the main building.

At the start of the autumn term there will be a period of time when the classrooms will be open to settle the children into their new classes. I would encourage the older children to continue to be independent and sort out themselves in a morning.

Diary Dates

I have updated the diary at the end of this newsletter with the major events for the term.

More detail and further letters will go out closer to the time of the event.

WANTED

Are you free on a Tuesday afternoon to help hear readers at Tredington?

If so please can you contact the school office.

You will need to complete a DBS (CRB) check.



Reminder for Parents - Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent. Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

REMEMBER SCHOOL DINNERS ARE NOW £2.10 A DAY



Have a relaxing weekend

Sam Welsby (Mrs)
Head teacher

<u>Dates for 2015:</u>	
Thursday 30th April	Shipston DC Swimming Gala 9-11am
Friday 1st May	Race for Life PTFA cake sale
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th May	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 6th May	Year 5/6 Workshop with Childlike
Wednesday 6th May	PTFA Meeting Fuzzy Duck 8pm
Friday 8th May	Year 5/6 Shipston High - Science and Technology afternoon
Saturday 9th May	Environmental Day Part 2 - enhancing the outside area at Tredington
Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 15th May	Newbold and Tredington Annual Bake Off Tea party on the playground
Tuesday 19th May	Cadbury's World Trip Rounders tournament Year 5/6 Shipston High School Talton Lodge Parents' Information Evening 7pm
Wednesday 20th May	Tim McGovan (author) Ghost stories with Year 5/6
Friday 22nd May	Non Uniform for chocolate
Monday 25th May	Half Term
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 3-6 Bushcraft trip to Talton Lodge and sleep over
Thursday 4th June	Archery competition
Friday 5th June	Sports Day Link Day
Monday 8th May	Individual photographs for year 6 and class photos E Safety Parents' Information Evening 7pm
Wednesday 10th June	Reserve Sports Day PTFA Meeting Fuzzy Duck 8pm
Friday 12th June	Year 5/6 Shipston High - Science and Technology afternoon PTFA Chocolate Bingo Evening
Tuesday 16th June	Science Link Day (Ruby Class still swimming)
Thursday 18th June	New Intake Meeting 7pm
Friday 19th June	Father's day Link Day Father's Day BBQ 6pm
Monday 22nd June	Year 6 Shipston High Induction
Tuesday 23rd June	Year 6 Shipston High and Stratford Grammar Induction New Intake Stay and Play
Wednesday 24th June	Year 6 Campden Induction
Friday 26th June	New Intake Stay and Play
Monday 29th June	New Intake Stay and Play
Tuesday 2nd July	New Intake Stay and Play
Wednesday 1st July	Shipston Rugby Club Tournament 10.30 - 2.30pm
Wednesday 8th July	End of term production
Thursday 9th July	End of term production
Friday 10th July	Year 5/6 Shipston High - Science and Technology afternoon
Saturday 11th July	Painting weekend
Monday 13th July	Open morning 8.40 - 11.00
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 Mystery trip
Thursday 16th July	Leaver's Service 2pm St Gregorys Picnic on the field
Friday 17th July	End of term