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Newsletter 07 – Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents

Governor Update

The Governing body in all schools is a hard-working group of individuals made up of people from different backgrounds who give up their time to supporting a school. At Pashley, we are incredibly fortunate to have a diverse and passionate group of individuals who work in the background on the overall running of the school.

We had a Full Governing Body meeting last week and so thought I would take this opportunity to update you with a few changes.

Chair of Governors and Vice Chairs

Jennifer Cruse was proposed as new Chair by Guy Kingham and this was seconded and agreed. Jennifer was Headteacher at Pashley before me and so knows the school very well indeed! Simon Groves has stepped down as Vice-Chair but will continue to oversee finance working alongside Leanne Smith, our Business Manager. This is excellent news as Simon has a very sound understanding of the school's position. Guy Kingham and Andrew Baldwin will be joint Vice Chairs.

Guy has been such a strong support for the school in his time as Chair and really helped the school in some very challenging circumstances since I became Headteacher in 2018. It's fair to say that neither of us expected the many things we have gone through not least the recent global pandemic and the amount of time that Guy has given to the school can not be underestimated. It's a strong and positive succession plan that he will continue to stay on as Vice Chair. To have Jennifer in role as Chair is also of great benefit to the school. With her knowledge of the school as a whole, meticulous idea for detail and ability to put kindness at the heart of everything we are so lucky to have them both. In the current climate with COVID uncertainties the Governors agreed it was prudent to have two Vice Chairs and Andrew Baldwin is perfect for this role. With a superb understanding and background in health and safety, the school site and finance he is a great asset to the new leadership structure of the Governors.

Parent Governor - Sarah King has resigned as Governor due to work commitments and no longer living in Eastbourne. Even though fairly new to the Governors she made some excellent contributions last year and we are very grateful for the time she gave to the school.

We will be formally asking for nominations for a new Parent Governor shortly so if you are interested in the role and want to find out some more information please speak with Emma Lewis or I on the gate.

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Our Dedicated Governors!

The Future - Emma and I presented a three year strategic overview to the Governors last Wednesday which showed our aims and objectives in all five areas of the School Development Plan. The Governors, as always, are actively supportive in our ambitious plans and as a school and on behalf of the staff I would like to thank them all for being such a great team to work with.

Muffi Day—Children in Need Friday 19th November

A big thank you to all pupils and parents that donated to Children in Need Charity. As a school we raised £265.10! Thanks to your generosity!

Chicken pox, measles or shingles

One of the Pashley families with a child in EYFS has a younger sibling who is starting chemo shortly. It is very important that the family are made aware if there are any cases of chicken pox, measles or shingles in school as this would affect the toddler significantly as his immune system is very low.

Chicken pox is fairly common with children as you know. Please can you be extra vigilant of any spots that you notice and if you have a suspect your child has one of these infections please let the school know via the office and get it confirmed medically as soon as possible.

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Christmas Fair

Thank you so much for your support and generous donations toward the Fair last Friday!

We just need a bit more help and then we're ready for a fabulous day of festive fun.

- If you have any unwanted baskets (to make hampers) or any further donations for adult, child or wine tombola, please bring them to the office.
- Please return your raffle tickets, more are available from the office.
- We already have a few great raffle prizes to win including tickets to Drusillas and Afternoon tea at the Grand, Afternoon tea at Hydro hotel, a game at the Royal Golf Club, a game at the Willingdon Golf Club and many more, but if you are a business owner and can donate a prize, or know somebody who would be happy to, we would be very thankful.
- Hoopla pot is an extremely popular game among the children. With Covid restrictions, we will not be able to run many stalls this year, so please return you filled flower pot to the office, if you can fill more than one, please pick up more pots from the office.

Given the current climate, we are excited to be able to put a Fair on this year. There will be a reduced number of stalls, but we hoping that parents and children will enjoy it all the same, especially the grotto, which will be as magical as always.

Ones again, thank you for your generosity, we couldn't do this without your help!

With warm wishes,

Heather Godding and Emma Lewis

Dates for your Diary:

Open Evening - Thursday 25th November 5.30-7pm

Christmas Fair 4th December 12- 3pm

Year 1 Christmas Concert 7th December 2pm and 8th December 9.15am

EYFS Nativity 8th and 9th December 2pm

Year 2 Christmas concert - 15th December at 9.30am and 5pm

Inset Day - Monday 21st February