

# THE GOVERNING BODY OF ST DUNSTAN'S, CHEAM, C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## The Governors would like to say thank you to Ms Corby and the entire school staff

They have worked incredibly hard over the past 12 months. And thanks to their hard work and commitment, the children have had the opportunity to learn academically, socially and spiritually. The children have taken on challenges both individually and as part of a team which will help them to become resilient, confident members of the wider community.

## **Governing Body Changes**

Colin Evison's and Colin Jones' terms of office as parent governors concluded in June, and in July we welcomed to the Governing Body our two new parent governors - Melody Thorpe and Sarah Santoro.

We would like to thank Colin Evison for his work over the past four years, most recently as Chair of the Premises Committee.

The Governing Body voted to co-opt Colin Jones as Governor for a further four years. His skillset and experience as Chair of Finance will be of great value to the school moving forward.

And we would like to recognise the contribution that the Rev'd Martin Hayward has made, stepping in as a Governor during the period of inter-regnum within the Parish of St Dunstan's, Cheam. He has been a great support and his insightful challenge over the past two years has been much appreciated.

## **Financial Challenges**

Our school continues, as with many others, to face budgetary challenges. As Governors, we know how hard the school leadership team is working to find ways to make things work.

The Governors ask that you continue to support the school by paying any charges for trips/activities and lunches as promptly as possible.

## Have a very happy summer holiday!

#### The Bishop's Certificate

We're delighted to announce that Governors have completed the 10 training modules on the course endorsed by the Bishop of Southwark, which aims to clarify the role of the governing body in Church of England schools. This certification is valid for four years.

Many thanks to all the Governors who gave up their evenings to attend the training courses at the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education in London Bridge.

### Meetings this term

As well as two Full Governing Body meetings, Governors have met in the following committees: Admissions, Curriculum, Finance, Personnel and Premises.

Faith Group has also met.

### **Policy Updates**

Statutory policies are reviewed annually, others every three years. This term, Governors reviewed and ratified the following policies, which are available on the website (if statutory) or on request from the school office:

- Accessibilty policy and plan
- Equalities policy
- First Aid policy
- PPA cover policy
- SEND whole school provision map
- Sun safety policy

If you have any questions about any of the above or the ongoing work of the Governing Body, please contact our Chair, Martin Swain, at *chairofgovernors@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk*