



Sandal Castle (VA) Community Primary School
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Governing Body Newsletter Spring 2 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

The Governing Body of Sandal Castle hope this newsletter finds you all well and are looking forward to the Easter Break.

During this half term, the governing body have met for our pupils and standards; curriculum and finance and resources committees along with our full governing body meeting. During these meetings, the governing body receive a presentation from a member of teaching staff about a subject relevant to the committee and we discuss matters such as pupil data, book scrutinies (looking through a range of books to see theory into practice) and additional reports. This allows the governors to ask probing questions of the senior leadership team in what is termed as being 'a critical friend' of the school, whilst supporting and celebrating the successes of the school. We do have a vacancy for a Foundation School Governor, so if this interests you and you think you may like to become a school governor, then please contact Revd. Rupert Martin at St. Helen's Church or alternatively, contact Mrs. Russell at the school.

The governing body would like to welcome our two newest members, Annie Milner, our newest parent governor and Mel Boffey, our local authority school governor. The governing body are looking forward to working with both Annie and Mel and welcome their skills and experience they will bring to the team.

We hope everyone had enjoyable parent consultation meetings with their children's teachers and thank you to everyone who attended the Book Fair in the Key Stage 1 hall - all the money raised means that the school are able to purchase additional books for the children to enjoy. In our governing body meetings, we heard about the new playtime activities or 'zones' which allow the children to participate in different activities at lunchtime and playtime - one of which is an outside reading area. The reading area, adorned with repurposed filing cabinets and a fridge, allow the children to read or take part in quiet activities away from the main playground and is extremely well attended by a wide range of children. This zone, along with others across the school site sounds like a fantastic opportunity for the children to take part in activities which they are interested in and is a departure from the 'traditional' playtime provision.

The governing body are also excited to hear about the impending release of 'Parent Mail' which will hopefully make filling in consent forms a thing of the past! Whilst embracing the wonders of modern technology, this will also reduce the amount of money and time spent preparing, printing and collecting paper forms. Watch this space!



The governing body are extremely proud of the accomplishments of Sandal Castle and this is thanks to the enduring dedication of the hard working staff of the school to ensure that our children are educated to the highest standards in a safe and loving environment. The new sign in the school's entrance lobby caught our eyes and 'no outsiders in our school' is something which Sandal Castle has lived and breathed for a long time now and long may it continue.

Thank you to everyone involved in the school and their hard work and we wish everyone has a peaceful and relaxing Easter Break.

The governing body of Sandal Castle (VA) Community Primary School.



