



## Federation of Fryern Infant & Junior Schools

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will have heard by now, Mrs Angela Morrow will be leaving us to retire at the end of the school year. She has been the headteacher at Fryern Federation for almost 14 years and we will miss her. I'm sure you'll all join the governors in thanking Angela for her dedication and hard work while at the Federation and wish her health and happiness in her future retirement plans. We are very grateful that Sarah Roberts and Louise Piggin, the current heads of school, have agreed to jointly oversee the headteacher role if there should be an interim period between Angela's departure and the arrival of a new headteacher. By doing so, they are making it possible to ensure continuity for both Fryern schools. We understand that this news could have caused feelings of uncertainty and worry for some of you. It is the responsibility of the governors to find a new headteacher and we're taking this job seriously. We'll look for someone that is not only very good at their job, but also the right person for Fryern. The recruitment process has already started and this will be the governors' main focus for the Summer term. It will involve consultations with parents/carers, staff and pupils. You'll hear more about that at a later date.

On behalf of all governors, I'd like to wish you a lovely Easter holiday and hope you'll be able to enjoy some time with the people you love and care about. We hope that all the children will enjoy their well-earned break and will come back to school full of energy for a busy Summer term.

Miriam Bokhove, Chair of Governors

### Monitoring

Governors monitoring this term has included the Early Years Foundation Stage and the visit looked at the cohort trends, the continuation of the phonics scheme implementation, how assessment and moderation is undertaken and recorded and how the learning environment (both inside and outside) is used and resourced. Safeguarding has been a focus of a visit and a health and safety site walk was undertaken by two governors. The Curriculum Committee and Finance Committee continue to meet following their annual schedules. Various Strategy groups have met with their school leads in Maths, English, SEND and Pupil Premium.

### Annual Learning Walk

The governor's annual learning walk is scheduled for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May where the morning will focus on maths and english with the afternoon session focussing on the wider curriculum including history, art and music.

### More Information

For more information visit our governors page on the school website [www.fryernfederation.co.uk/governors](http://www.fryernfederation.co.uk/governors).

### Summer term meeting dates

FGB – 15/05/23, 04/07/23

Full Governing Body

CC – 28/04/23

Curriculum Committee

FC – 05/05/23, 30/06/23

Finance Committee

### New governors

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the Governing Body to Debbie Silvester and John Stainton as co-opted governors and Adam Murton as the newly appointed Local Authority Governor.

### Farewell and thank you!

We would also like to say thank you to Natalie Jerams for her invaluable contribution over the last 7 years as she leaves the Governing Body.

### Parent's evening

Governors were pleased to be able to attend the parent's evening held this term and would like to thank everyone who took the time to chat with us. Please do come and speak to us next time when you see us visiting the school or events - you can recognise us by our special governor lanyards.

### School Visits

Governors have been into school for monitoring visits but have also enjoyed coming in to watch various performances. We are always really pleased to be invited to see what the children and staff have been working on.