

Governor Newsletter



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Welcome to the Summer Term issue of the Governor Newsletter.

It's hard to believe that we are now counting down the days until the summer holidays. It feels like this school academic year has flown by and we thought we would take the opportunity to explain some of the work the Governing Body has undertaken since September.

We had a governor table at each of the parents' evenings in October and February and we were really pleased to receive feedback from parents about their children's experiences at Bishop Loveday school. These comments included:

- * *"Very happy with the school and feel that the school is providing an excellent education. Thank you!"*
- * *"Overall BLS has been and is a wonderful school. Our kids love every minute at school."*
- * *"We have always felt the school has our children's best interests at heart. The pastoral care is super! Our children are very happy at BLS!"*

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Warner to the Governing Body as a staff governor.

Each governor also has their own areas of responsibility, which means collectively we can ensure that we monitor the school effectively. Below, we will explain some of the work each of us has done this year.

Best wishes

Louise Sansom, Vice-Chair of Governors



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Vice Chair of Governors

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In November, I presented Bishop Loveday's vision at the Warriner MAT Governor's meeting. It was really interesting to find out about the visions of the other schools with the MAT as well as sharing some of the achievements of BLS such as:

- * *Excellent feedback in Peer Reviews and from WMAT and Diocesan School Improvement Leader*
- * *A successful Erasmus project led by Miss Wyatt*
- * *Gold Sports' Award achieved*
- * *Gold Award achieved for the school's work on Anti-Bullying*

Bishop Loveday's vision is to be, "An outstanding and vibrant village school that continues to provide excellent learning opportunities, within a Christian ethos, and develops a life-long love of learning: 'life in all its fullness'"

As the Governor responsible for monitoring the teaching and learning of Maths throughout the school, I have had the pleasure of meeting with Mrs Ashe, who co-ordinates this area. She's incredibly enthusiastic about the introduction of Times Tables Rockstars as well as the Mastery approach that is used within Maths lessons in school.

What do Governors do?

We are responsible for ensuring that the school is run well and that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential. We provide strategic management and ensure accountability.

The full governing body meets at least twice a term with additional meetings for strategy and training.

We consider issues relating to finance, staffing, health and safety, school premises, and safeguarding. We also deal with matters relating to learning, with a focus on raising standards and monitoring attainment & progress.

Charlotte Toemaes

Chair of Governors

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As Chair of governors I have been involved in various areas over the year so far, I chair the governor meetings, meet regularly with Mrs Ridley and have also been involved in some recent recruitment.

I was very happy to hear such fantastic feedback on parents evening, which reflects the hard work and dedication of the staff at Bishop Loveday who do an amazing job.

I have represented the governing body at MAT meetings, especially with regards to finance. As my specialist area, I am jointly responsible for finance on the governing body and help to make sure the school makes best use of the funds at our disposal.



Jane Ridley

Headteacher

It is a privilege to be headteacher at Bishop Loveday and I am incredibly proud of our staff team and pupils.

As headteacher, I am part of the governing body and am responsible for ensuring that the governing body has access to accurate information relating to curriculum and data, school finance, health and safety, personnel, safeguarding and behaviour.

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Rev Sarah Sharp

Chair of Foundation Governors

As vicar of St John the Baptist Parish Church in Bodicote I am an ex – officio foundation governor. I take responsibility for monitoring RE and worship which is judged every five years in a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). This has just changed its framework. I have, therefore, attended training, both at Church House with other governors and teachers, and in school with our head and diocesan school advisor, to ensure we will be ready in three years' time for our next inspection.

A new Worship Group gives the children an opportunity for their voice to be heard. Each class from Year 1 to Year 6 nominated one person to represent them. We are excited to begin using a new scheme for worship from next half term called Roots and Fruits which will provide a framework for each term. The children will also continue to attend worship in church at least once every half term

As part of my role in monitoring RE I felt immensely privileged to be invited to take part in the staff meeting on RE and the RE learning walk. We are incredibly lucky to have a specialist RE teacher in Mrs Vidovic, to lead this subject, which is taught in a variety of interesting ways around the school. Each term every class begins with a BIG Question to help them explore different faiths. Care is taken to provide as many opportunities to learn from people of faith as well as about people of faith. We try and organise interesting field trips to support this learning where possible.

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In October I completed the Schools Annual Safeguarding Report with Mrs Ridley. It is a statutory responsibility for senior staff and governors to ensure that effective safeguarding procedures are in place.

I have attended the Antibullying and Our Vision meetings at the school for parents and you may also have seen me on the governors table at the parents evenings.

In November I completed Prevent e-learning training and attended a Safeguarding Generalist Level training meeting.

I had a school safeguarding visit with Mrs Ridley in March and I also attended a Preparing for Ofsted training course.

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Over the past few months I have redesigned the financial information received from the Multi Academy Trust to ensure that is clearer for those members of the Governing Body who are not necessarily used to reviewing financial data. This highlights the key variances and allows us to scrutinise the information better as a group.

I am now receiving the management accounts for the school monthly meaning that any key deviations can be spotted sooner.

With regards to Sports Premium I have reviewed and discussed the 'Evidencing the Impact of the Primary PE and Sports Premium' report for the school and have held a face to face meeting with Mrs Gardner to discuss this in more detail and to gain a greater understanding of the sports programme at the school.

I have attended a training course on the changes in structure of the Warriner Multi Academy Trust and the New Ofsted Framework proposed for 2019/20 onwards.

Nicola Standley

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I joined the governing body as a foundation governor in September 2016. For my day job I work in university administration at the University of Oxford which involves a fair bit of governance work and so sits well alongside being a governor. My focus for this academic year will be on literacy at Bishop Loveday.

I moved to Bodicote with my partner in 2012, we were married at St John the Baptist in spring 2016 and now live on Longford Park. I have one son who is only a year old so not quite ready for school yet but could well be a future pupil of Bishop Loveday.



Terry Fitton
Parent Governor

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I have been a parent governor for a couple of years now. I have been recently meeting the Early Years Team which involves discussing student outcomes and analysing all elements of how EYFS runs at Bishop Loveday.

As a Head of Learning at a local secondary school I have to analyse school data on a regular basis. I have a role within the governing body to compare national data against the outcomes of Bishop Loveday students. I have attended several governors training events throughout the year.



Toby Holland
Foundation Governor

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My current role is to work with Mrs O'Donnell to monitor the development of the non-core curriculum so that students receive an exciting and enriching programme of age related projects each term. I am very pleased to report that Mrs O'Donnell has worked very hard with a team of subject leaders to produce a mapped programme that meets the expectations of recent government changes in the delivery of non-core subjects.

It was a great pleasure to be invited by Louise Gardner (school sports co-ordinator) to attend the awards ceremony at Blessed George Napier School in November 2018 where Bishop Loveday was awarded the Gold School Games Mark award. This is a fantastic achievement that recognises the effort Louise and the staff at Bishop Loveday have put in to developing and running excellent sporting opportunities for students from all year groups

As we head for the end of the academic year I am looking forward to getting into school with Mrs O'Donnell to see the work produced by students for their end of term 6 projects. Well done to all the students for their efforts in producing such a wide variety of work in relation to their project that displays their broader knowledge and experiences of the world around them.

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