



Lavant

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Governors' Newsletter Summer 2023

As another busy school year draws to a close, we are very pleased to report that our Academy Order has now been granted so we are officially one step closer to joining the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership (BLLP). We are really grateful to all those of you who contributed to the consultation process, both in person at the meetings and in writing. As you know, the decision to convert to an academy was weighed up over a considerable number of years, resulting in the governing body's recommendation to join BLLP – we continue to work behind the scenes on your children's behalf and are excited about what lies ahead! The conversion will hopefully complete at some point during the autumn term.

In addition to the news above, all the regular aspects of the governance role have continued to be fulfilled, from responsibilities such as checking that our finances are in order through to things like checking that fire drills take place! There is also on-going consultation with regard to the proposed road safety changes and a potential crossing; our thanks to Lorraine Foster, the governor driving this improvement forward. A safeguarding monitoring also took place recently.

Monitoring of learning opportunities spans a wide remit and has included meeting with subject leaders and attendance at pupil progress meetings. We are delighted that the tweaks made to the school day at the start of the year seem to have paid dividends in terms of children's developing understanding of phonics, reading and spelling. Quality of writing remains a focus for the coming year (as it does for many schools).



We recently welcomed Mrs. Ann Smith back onto the governing body – Ann had served previously and then taken a short break but is really pleased to take up the position once again (which we are delighted about). She says: "I have been associated with Lavant for many years, ranging from parent and grandparent to working as a piano accompanist and love the happy, vibrant atmosphere of the school. I look forward to being involved in the exciting new partnership with Bishop Luffa and also, as Lead Governor, championing the educational needs of pupils with SEND. I am keen to promote our school and maintain its unique and wonderful character."

Various training sessions have been undertaken by the governors during the year, both individually and collectively, most recently an evening spent exploring the impact of governing boards on school improvement. We, along with the staff, remain committed to achieving the best outcomes for the children at Lavant CE Primary school and would like to take this opportunity to thank the full staff team for all their hard work and yourselves for your support over the past year.

Have a safe and happy summer!