



TEAM GOVERNORS

Governor Newsletter

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Welcome

from our Chair of Governors

At the start of this school year, it was my honour to take the chair of the Governing Body. I follow in the footsteps of Mrs Charlotte Neaves who did a fantastic job coordinating the work of the Governors and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking her on behalf of Team Bartons for the time and work that she has put in.

The Covid Pandemic has made the last 18 months extremely challenging for education generally and Bartons has risen to that challenge as a team and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff for their outstanding work, in difficult circumstances, to bring us to this point in a better condition than many could have hoped for. The amount of work done, to enable the teaching to take place, often is not visible and the dedication and effort that has been put in, has been outstanding.

A special mention at this point to our Deputy Head Teacher Mrs A Powell. If the challenges of the past 18 months was not enough, Mrs Powell continued her own studies to achieve a Master's degree in Inclusive Special Education. Congratulations on a personal note and, this is a real benefit for the school.

Another group of people who have continued to work tirelessly for the school and who have adapted to the circumstances, are The Friends of Bartons. They have raised a huge sum of money to support the school



and in particular, the library project. We are determined to have the library completed by the end of the academic year and many of you may be wondering why it has not been started. The reason that we have been delayed is that the school has a leak in the roof in the library area and Mr Cook has been working with the builders to trace the source of the leak so that it can be repaired. Several speculative pieces of remedial work have been done but we are still not fully fixed and whilst this is frustrating, we need this to be resolved before we start the work and get the new furniture and books in.

So what have the Governors been doing? The Governing Body in practical terms, is the quality management of the running of the school. Our remit is set in legislation and whilst we also monitor the delivery of the curriculum, the delivery methods are the responsibility of the Head Teacher. The Governors conduct oversight of finances and resources and work very closely with the School Business Manager and the School Leadership Team to help ensure that the best possible provision for the pupils is achieved.

The team of Governors have continued their activities supporting the role of holding the school to account and the restrictions on visits meant that we had to adapt to remote technologies. Our Curriculum Committee and our Resource Committee have both met and have been working to provide the information to the Full Governing Body. I am happy to say that financially, we are in a secure and steady place. Academically, the disruption of Covid-19 has been analysed by the Senior Leaders and they have prepared a comprehensive plan to ensure that our children do not miss out on any education opportunities that resulted from it.

'Team Bartons' has proved that it is more than just a brand, it has shown its colours as a culture for good.

Best wishes,

Chris Barrett - Chair of Governors

Be a part of something special

The Governors are all volunteers with a variety of backgrounds and skills.

We have some Governors that have a background in schools and education and others who come with experience in business, care and safety. Some of us are parents of children at the school and others are not, and it is my intention going forward, to introduce you all to each of the Governors on the board.

We now have a number of vacancies. If you would like to be part of the team, have any questions about becoming a Governor or know of somebody that would, then please contact us via: clerk@bartonsprimary.school

"I have been a Governor here for three years, I have found it extremely rewarding being part of the school's development and working with an extraordinary group of people."

Chris Barrett - Chair of Governors

