



# 'Governor Broadcast'

Newsletter 1

January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your first Governor Broadcast to accompany the Castle Hill Broadcast that we all receive and enjoy on Friday afternoons.

I would love to introduce your school Governors, our roles and responsibilities and some detail around our latest work, maybe even inspire a few future Governors!

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## Your School Governors

Deena Read – Chair of Governors

Karen Lee – Deputy Chair

Su Broadhurst - Headteacher

Kate Shields – Parent Governor

Vacancy – Parent Governor

Chris Lines – Co-opted Governor

Jacqui Blake – Co-opted Governor

Karen Ettrick – Staff Governor

Local Authority Governor – Claire Rigby

## What do we do?

We are a group of volunteers who feel passionately about the education of all children at Castle Hill Primary School.

Our responsibilities include:

Working together to set the strategy and vision for Castle Hill Primary School

We hold the Head Teacher / Senior Leadership to account re: educational performance and management of Castle Hill.

We oversee the financial performance of Castle Hill to make sure that money is well spent.

## Contacting us:

If you have any Governor queries, please direct these via them via your parent governor(s) or myself.

[kshields@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:kshields@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk) or [chair@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk)

Our Full Governor Meeting dates are also published on the school website under the Governor tab.

## Parent Views 2023

We were lucky enough to meet a lot of you at Parents evening in October. It was really lovely to speak with so many of you, I've enjoyed reading your comments and collating the results of this year's parent questionnaires.

Lots of positive comments around teaching and learning, attainment, staff and how much your children enjoy Castle Hill life.

One thing that was repeated a few times was a request for additional clubs to which has been taken on board – I have seen some of the wonderful woodwork items and hear that board game club starts this week!

Careful consideration has been given to clubs offered so that there is something for everyone.

*Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the wealth of detail on the school website, there are newsletters, topic webs for each class, class timetables, lunch time menus – also some lovely photos showing recent school activities.*

### Interaction with Castle Hill Staff

Our school staff work incredibly hard to help our pupils reach their potential. Ensuring a strong partnership between home and school is so important in achieving these successful outcomes.

With partnership in mind please can I ask that all parents / carers treat all members of staff with respect and dignity at all times.

**In 2020 The National Governance Association identified that ensuring voices of stakeholders are heard as our fourth core function**

**I hope that this note has been another way of opening communications and thank you all for your continuing support**

*Deena*

## Governor activities this half term will include:

Hold a premises committee Meeting, as well as a 2<sup>nd</sup> "walkabout" of the year as a committee to monitor H&S requirements on the school grounds

Hold a Finance & HR Committee Meeting

We will form a new Standards committee and hold a standards committee meeting.

Hold a Full Governors Meeting.

Run Governor development and training - including L3 Safeguarding update, Ofsted expectations and a Networking meeting.

Plan and complete Governor monitoring visits in line with the School Self Evaluation Form / School Development Plan.

We will recruit a new Parent Governor

Mrs. Rigby will welcome the staff and children into school in the mornings by playing the piano in the school hall, Mr Lines also volunteers (not linked to being a Governor) as a school reader every Wednesday without fail!

I will be doing some gardening also and always open to some new offers of help via Mrs Mabbutt in the school office.