Growing hearts and minds

Sheriffhales Primary School and Preschool

Annual Governors letter to parents and carers.

July 2024

This has been another incredible year for the school, seeing the school grow in number and strength. We are really proud of all the wide variety of exceptional awards the school has achieved from gardening right through to sporting prowess.

We have also welcomed several new teaching staff to our school:

- Miss Hayley Boddison into Lime Class
- Mr Mike Allen has joined us to teach Oak Class
- Mrs Sophi Vaughan and Miss Shannon Edwards joined us to teach Acorns

We have formally appointed Mrs Justine Keeling-Paglia as our Head Teacher and opened our brand new Preschool. In April, we invited Shropshire High Sheriff Brain Welti to cut the ribbon and we even featured in the Shropshire Star!

The role of the Governing Body has been to continue to work strategically with Mrs Keeling-Paglia to implement the school's action plan, to oversee school finance and to oversee high standards of safety for your wonderful children, to enjoy a happy, quality education.

The Governing Body have worked hard this year, which started under the care of Mrs Sally Lill, who was the schools Chair of Governors until December 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her again for her enormous effort while she was at the school: it has been a great honour to take over from her.

Throughout this year, we have focused hard on growing the Governing Body to further strengthen our school community. We have spent time in school doing focused visits, not only during lesson times but also by attending school events and being present on the school playground and listening to the parents and the pupils. Throughout this year, we have run Full Governor Meetings during the school day so we can be present and part of the school and had the privilege of having the School Council visit us on several occasions to tell us what they have been getting up to.

I would like to take this opportunity to do several thanks. Firstly, to the Governing Body for their dedication and continued hard work during the last school year and their willingness to support and challenge the school in a robust and appropriate manner.

To Mrs Keeling-Paglia for her unwavering drive, dedication and passion to grow and strengthen the school: it is a real pleasure to work with you and drive the vision for the school collaboratively.

Of course, none of the school success could be possible if it weren't for the whole staff, all the teachers, teaching assistants, breakfast, lunchtime supervisors, office manager, administrative staff, cleaner and caretaker, all of whom place a huge role in running this wonderful small but mighty school.

Thank you to the PTFA, for their amazing hard work at the heart of our school community.

And lastly but by no means least thanks to the parents and families for your support. It is clear that partnerships between Governors, school staff, families and pupils are critical for a successful school, and we are fortunate to have great partnerships in our community.

Next year looks to be another promising and exciting year full of opportunities. The governors look forward to continuing to work with our Head Teacher and staff again next year and wish you all a wonderful Summer.

See you in September.

Sara Cannon

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body

(and Mum to Matilda in Y3 nearly Y4 and Finlay in Reception nearly Yr1!)