

# All Saints' CEVC Primary School



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*Inspire Challenge Succeed*

Dear Parents,

It has been another positive and busy week at All Saints' where our children have continued to show enthusiasm for their learning and great stickability and motivation.

Children in Oak class visited Hollow Trees Farm this week as part of their geography and science work. The children fed the animals, helped in the fields to harvest vegetables and then planted their own seeds to take home.

Children in Elder Class have been working with The Theatre Royal to recreate scenes from Macbeth. The children will visit the theatre to watch a production of Macbeth and will then perform a scene from the play to an audience in October as part of the annual Shakespeare Take Over Festival.

Please do check your child's class page on the school's website to see what they have been up to this week!

THANK YOU

Thank you to our small team of gardening volunteers who gave their time yesterday afternoon to clear and organise the school garden and the school's tree nursery. This will mean that both areas are now ready for gardening sessions and our Seed to Tree activities.

#ChooseKindness

Each year we select a key theme to influence how we work together and treat one another in our school community. This year we have selected #ChooseKindness. Through this we look at ways in which we can encourage and support our children to show kindness to one another, to their families, to themselves and to everyone within the wider world - encouraging our children to be kind and responsible citizens.

PARENT GOVERNOR: VACANCY / NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS

We have been asked for a little more information regarding the vacancies on our Governing Board. The process is that the vacancy is advertised to all parents with an invitation for nominations. If there are more nominations than vacancies then elections will be held (see below).

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*Motivation Cooperation Creativity Independence Curiosity Stickability*



Parent governors are elected by parents, Co-opted Governors are elected by the Governing Board. We have vacancies for each of these posts and both are vital to our governing board. They share equally with other governors the responsibility for carrying out the governing board's wide range of responsibilities. Governors do not run the school day to day, as their role is at the strategic or policy-making level in the school.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved.

You do not need to be an expert on education to be a school governor, but you do need an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the governing board, areas that we would like to strengthen are; strategic leadership skills, human resources and data analysis.

Governors also need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question and to make connections between different types of information.

If you join our governing board, you will serve for a four year term and you can continue to the end of the term of office even if your child/children leave the school. Being a governor does take up time. There are six governing body meetings each year, and governors usually serve on a committee/committees which meet a minimum of once a term. You will need to set aside time to be able to be an effective governor: time to prepare for meetings, for visiting the school, undertaking training and updating.

#### Who can be a parent governor?

All those who have parental responsibility and are over the age of 18 are eligible to stand for election, including parents who work at the school provided that they work for less than 500 hours per year when they are elected.

"Parent" is defined as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for a child at this school". It includes a person who the child lives with and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. This must be someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

There are some circumstances that disqualify an individual from serving as a school governor, please read the list of disqualifications: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1034/schedule/4/made>

#### How to nominate yourself

To stand for election please complete the application form. All forms need to be returned to [k.haselhurst@allsaintsprimary.org](mailto:k.haselhurst@allsaintsprimary.org) by 12 noon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

If the number of nominations is the same as or less than the number of vacancies, all candidates will be elected unopposed.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will take place.

If elections are required then the personal statements of all candidates will be typed in a standard format and circulated to all parents with ballot papers. Your application will need the support of four parents of pupils at the school.

#### Timescales

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (12 noon) - Closing date and time for Nominations/Applications

14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Unopposed results announced or Election Process commences

14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Ballot Papers Issued (if more nominations than vacancies)

17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (12 noon) – Closing date and time for return of Ballot Papers

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (9am) – Count of Ballot Papers

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Results announced

To find out more about what being a governor at this school is like, you can contact Katie Haselhurst our Chair of Governors, [governors@allsaintsprimary.org](mailto:governors@allsaintsprimary.org) who will be very willing to discuss the role and answer any questions.

A nomination form is attached to this letter.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

Kind Regards,

Clare Lamb

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