

Governors are delighted to welcome Jason Hoyland as a new Foundation Governor.



Jason is a new dad and a member of St Mary's Cogges, he is taking on the role of link governor for children with Special Educational Needs and will be a member of the Pastoral, Premises and Community committee.

During Collective Worship on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November governors, staff and children joined together to celebrate with Fiona Hayes and Julie Hitchman.

Both Julie and Fiona have been in education for 25 years. Fiona has worked as a teacher in five different schools, Julie has worked as part of the admin team at The Blake School for all 25 years.



The school value for October is 'Trust' and as Fiona and Julie's achievements were recognised Mr Edwards-Grundy reminded everyone of the importance of trust in school. Both Fiona and Julie hold positions of trust within school and their trustworthiness has been demonstrated over many years. It was agreed that the school is a better place because of all that they do.

A number of governors have already carried out their first monitoring visit of the school year. Their visit reports celebrate strengths, raise questions and consider areas for further monitoring. Monitoring so far has looked at Safeguarding, Maths and Literacy.

*"good handwriting and presentation are always valued"*

*"the school is able to document and evidence effectively its work to ensure children in the school are safeguarded effectively"*

The governors look forward to meeting you at The Friends Christmas fair on 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you want to know more about the work of the governors, or have some questions to ask, please come and find us on the governors' table, we'd love to talk with you.

You can find out more about the work of the Governing Board and who the Governors are by looking at the [School website](#) and reading our termly summary of business.

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