



Governor Newsletter

October 2019



Following inviting nominations for the two parent governor vacancies, the only two that were received were for the existing parent governors, Phil Fowler and Sam Sadler. In the absence of any other nominations both Phil and Sam were reappointed for a further four-year term.

The governors are delighted that Phil and Sam will remain on the governing board and that they will be able to continue with the work and roles that they are already engaged in.

The governing board currently has one vacancy, which is for a Foundation governor. It is hoped that this vacancy will be filled over the next few weeks.

Staff and governors at The Blake School are well supported by a School Improvement Advisor (SIA) from ODST.

The role of the advisor is to visit the school, at least six times a year, meet with staff and governors and provide both leadership support and advice as well as monitoring practice in the school.

The school has recently had a change of SIA and staff and governors are delighted to welcome Bob Pattendon into the role. Bob has many years of experience as a serving Head and so brings up to date experience as well as a valuable external check to the school's work and development priorities.

This week the governors joined with staff in wishing Sue Cordery, known by so many of you as the face that greets you when you come into school, a very happy early retirement.

Sue has worked in the school for more than 20 years, alongside five different headteachers. Her considerable knowledge and expertise will be much missed by the whole school team, alongside her calm manner, ready smile and warm welcome to the school.

A number of governors have been involved in RE and Art week, including being part of the prayer spaces in St Mary's Cogges.

Governors were impressed by the many ways in which all the children engaged with the week, which provided them with opportunities to explore the school's new strapline and the Bible verse that underpins it.

"I have come that they may have life – life in all its fullness" John 10 v10

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.

If you wish to contact the governors you can do so via their email address governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk