



**PINVIN CHURCH OF ENGLAND
FIRST SCHOOL**



The Pinvin Federation of Schools Governors' Newsletter - Summer 2017

It has been another busy year for the Governing Body as we have worked alongside other stakeholders in the Federation to ensure the very best outcomes for our children. This is a summary of the main areas of work that Governors have been involved with.

DOWMAT

- Following the decision taken in July 2016 to pursue joining the Diocese of Worcester Multi-Academy Trust, we ensured that due diligence took place and this demonstrated good practice in governance, so that we were in the best possible position to join DOWMAT and we converted to academy status on 1st April 2017.
- Already the Federation is well respected in DOWMAT, sharing good practice and expertise.

GOVERNOR VISITS

- Throughout the school year Governors are invited into the Federation in a planned programme of focussed visits across vital aspects of school life such as curriculum, transition, behaviour and much more. The Governors are always grateful to the staff who make us feel so welcome on our visits.
- The visits into school by the Governors allow evidence to be gathered about areas of progress and highlight areas that need further development. They enable the Governors to hold the school accountable so that the very best education for our children is delivered.
- Governors have also been involved in all staff recruitment, shortlisting, with at least one being invited to join each interview panel.

PINVIN FIRST CE SCHOOL - OFSTED INSPECTION

- Governors were very involved in the preparation for the OFSTED inspection on 17th January through working on the Self Evaluation and Improvement Plan alongside staff.
- Following interviews with Governors the Inspector commented that "Governors have a good overview of the school's strengths and areas still in need of improvement," and "They have a good understanding of performance information and how well different groups of pupils are achieving"
- Since the Good judgement was delivered, we have been involved in making sure that the highlighted recommendations for development are followed up.

PINVIN FIRST CE SCHOOL - SIAMS INSPECTION

- All of the Governing Body was involved in the preparation for this Church inspection at PFS on 31st March as we went through the self evaluation process. This included Governor visits which had a particular focus on the delivery of RE and our Christian values. We were able to speak with staff and pupils.
- A group of Governors, including Foundation Governors, were interviewed by the Inspector.
- We were all delighted with the Outstanding judgement and look forward to working with Mr. Best and all the staff in making sure that the areas for development are worked on during the next year.

SECTIONAL BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

- Resources Committee Governors have played an active part throughout the bidding and planning processes of the new Sectional Building Development which will provide extra facilities for the Federation.

TANZANIAN LINK - VISIT OF MRS TARIMO

- We were really pleased to support the Federation with the visit of Mrs. Tarimo from Musifini B School, our link school in Tanzania.

WIDER INPUT

- The Governors have been represented at county and national level through the work of our Chair, Kevern Oliver.
- Kevern has been interviewed by the National Governance Association about how we operate as the Federation Governing Body. Our work has been upheld as an example of good practice.

GOVERNOR UPDATE

- We welcomed Jodie Palmer in September 2016 as a new Foundation Governor.
- Through the year we sadly said goodbye to Judy Dale, Debs Schindler, Sally Rusher and Jean Ounsted and in September 2017 will say farewell to our excellent Chair, Kevern Oliver, and our Vice Chair, David Manning. They have all been committed Governors and we will miss them and thank them for all that they have done.

THANK YOU

- It is a huge privilege for all of us to serve as Governors in a Federation that is led so well by Mr. Best, the Senior Team and all the staff.
- Thank you to everyone who enables Pinvin Federation to be a place where every child can inspire, discover and achieve.

