

Hello and Happy New Year to all of Brent Knoll Community!

We hope you all had a lovely break over the holidays and are looking forward to a positive and healthy 2023.

It was wonderful to attend the Achievement Assembly at the end of Autumn term to see our brilliant pupils receive certificates and trophies celebrating their progress and successes. It was also lovely to see everyone together again, families, staff and pupils enjoying the festive finish to 2022. Well done to everyone involved in making the morning a success! The Governing Board has been, as we are sure you are, really encouraged to see school activities return to normal.

Last term we welcomed a new parent governor Catherine Van Rooyen who has joined the Resources Committee, we are extremely pleased to have Catherine on board and look forward to working with her. We also have a couple of vacancies and will be introducing two new governors this term; details about the successful candidates will follow.

As we move into 2023, the Governing Board will continue to monitor the schools' Safeguarding procedures, the School Improvement Plan and Teaching & Learning amongst our other duties. Please refer to the DofE Governance Handbook if you want more information about our roles and responsibilities:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/925104/Governance_Handbook_FINAL.pdf

The Board are starting a new initiative after February half term where we will be available in school for all members of our community to drop in to talk with us. We anticipate this to happen at minimum once a half term and will send out a reminder of when these meets will be happening. We are always interested in what you have to say and welcome the opportunity to engage with everyone at Brent Knoll and look forward to meeting and speaking with as many of you as possible.

Alongside activities like Parent/Carer Evenings and after school clubs starting back up, our Family Forum meetings are also available for you join by coming into school. Please do come along if you can, the meetings are supportive and informal and whilst you will receive professional advice from our experienced staff and external professions like Mental Health Support Team & Speech and Language, there is the opportunity to meet and talk with families that share similar experiences, challenges and triumphs to your own.



Lastly, if you wish to contact us but are unable to come into school, please email using Governingbody@brentknollschool.co.uk

We wish you all a successful Spring term.

Brent Knoll Governing Board

Resources Committee

Simon Whitlock – Chair & Vice Chair of Governors – Co-opted Governor

James Bamford – Foundation Governor

Catherine Van Rooyen – Parent Governor

Children, Families & Communities Committee

Cheryl Cowie – Chair & Safeguarding – Parent Governor

Rohan Grove – Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing – Local Authority Governor

Greg Marsden – Staff Governor

Teaching & Learning Committee

Laura Deitz – Chair & Chair of Governors – Parent Governor

Lucy Govan – Co-opted Governor

James Cherry – Foundation Governor

Andy Taylor – Head Teacher Ex-Officio