

Bourton on the Water Primary School

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Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely week.

As Art Leader, Mrs Gittins does a wonderful job of enriching our curriculum by arranging fantastic workshops for the children. Thanks to Cotwolds Art Through Schools, this week the children from Y1-Y6 all got to enjoy a workshop on creating portraits and everyone created a portrait of one of their peers. The pictures created look fantastic and the pupil voice tells us that they had an amazing time as well as learning skills that support our art curriculum.

This week we sent an iPal message to remind everyone to not use the carpark or stop on School Hill at drop-off and pick-up. There is a traffic order in place that means it is against the law to stop on School Hill at these times. This is in place for the safety of our children. Mags has witnessed some near accidents recently and at some point, a child could be hurt. The traffic congestion up School Hill is not safe as it is not built for the number of cars trying to arrive and leave at the same time, and again makes the location unsafe for our children. The British Legion, which is across the road, has kindly allowed parents to park there and then walk to school, keeping everyone safe. When walking into school please can we use the Avenue or Mousetrap gates rather than the pedestrian gate into the car park as staff and/or visitors will still be arriving or leaving at these times.

A message from our Chair of Governors:

In response to a recent parent survey, I'd like to give you all more insight into the function of our Governing Body. I am privileged to Chair a dedicated team of Governors or, as we are an Academy Trust, a Board of Trustees who volunteer our time to work in partnership with the school by performing 3 key roles:

- *Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction*
- *Holding the school leaders to account for educational performance*
- *Overseeing financial performance to ensure money is well spent*

I aim to ensure the team is comprised from a variety of backgrounds to provide well-balanced viewpoints and considered decision making. Some of the team, including myself, are parents of pupils in the school. We are your elected representatives and there to present a parents' perspective to the board during our meetings. You can read more about us within the 'Meet our Governors' tab on the school website. Please do reach out should you wish to understand more; you can do that via our Clerk, but I'm always happy to speak in person either on the playground on the school run, or during many of the school events that we regularly attend and support.

Kindest regards

Andy Bell

Chair of Trustees

Finally, as it is the DfE's Year of Reading, we would like to remind everyone of our used bookcase in the school office area. All these books are free to take home and share as a family, so please come and help yourself to a good story.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kilbey & Mrs Connor

Co Headteachers



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