



Balfour Junior Academy

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A newsletter from our Governing body:

Dear Parents

In the run-up to the end of the year we begin our planning for the next year – and beyond. School is very busy at any time but especially now for staff in years 6 and 3 as we prepare for transition. Paperwork proliferates, evidence from us to secondary schools and from infant schools to us so that we can be prepared to help your children blossom and achieve in every way.

Governors have been busy too assimilating the changes due to becoming an Academy. Our financial year has changed from April-to-March, to September-to-August and our accounting systems from being dictated by the Local Authority to being part of a charitable company. Assessment is still in the news and we await the outcomes of changes due to the election.

We need more governors to spread the load and to refresh ourselves and provide for succession planning. One benefit of being part of a multi-academy trust (MAT) is that we have a little more freedom in finding governors. We need people who are part of our community; parents certainly; or grandparents, aunts and uncles. Here's what some of our current governors who are parents say about being a governor

When my daughter started at the Junior School I wanted to be able to understand how the school worked, how decisions were made, and generally to improve my knowledge of the education system, which has changed so much since I was at school. What better way than becoming a governor and getting to know it from the inside out? I never cease to be impressed by the enjoyment and engagement of the children.

Being a governor at the Juniors has been stimulating and I have been able to gain a privileged insight into primary school education as well as making a valued contribution to the continued development of our school

During my time as a governor I have learnt a great deal and hope that I have been able to make an active contribution using my skills and expertise from my work profession as well as a parent with two children at the school. I hope through my input and support I have been able to support the continued progression of the school and provided encouragement,

support and challenge to the school management to ensure that every child at Balfour gets the very best that the school can offer.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining us, please ask for an application form from the office, or contact Mrs Parnell and ask for a visit to talk to us about what the job entails.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Daniels

Chair of the Governing body.