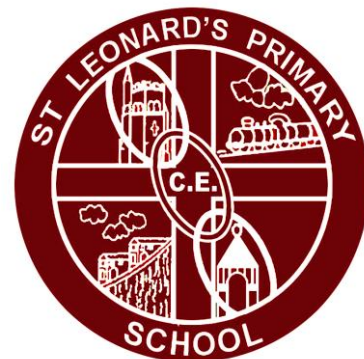


# St. Leonard's C.E. Primary School

## Enjoy Success



17.10.2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children of St Leonards,

I just want to update you on some important meetings we had last week.

**On Tuesday, I met the Governing Body of St Leonard's for the first time.** This was a helpful meeting. We appointed a new Chair of Governors - Rose Patey.

Rose Patey has worked in education in Shropshire throughout her working life with the exception for a year teaching in NZ. She gained a B.Ed, MA and NPQH and enjoyed working with students and staff at both Oldbury Wells and Bridgnorth Endowed School. On becoming an Assistant Head at Bridgnorth Endowed she was elected as a staff governor and then a governor at St Leonard's Primary School. Rose is also a Diocesan Trustee on the TrustEd CSAT Multi Academy Trust in Shropshire as well as Chair of Governors at Stokesay Primary School. Outside of these activities, Rose is a member of a local church, being on the PCC at Astley Abbott's and enjoying a new local café church. Family and friends play a big part in her life as well as enjoying cooking, gardening, and photography. We are very lucky to have her as Chair of Governors and I am looking forward to working with her.

At the governors meeting, Jane Ashling stood down from the Board. Jane has been the Chair of Governors for many years and has had a connection with St Leonard's for decades. We are all sorry to see Jane step down. Personally, I would like to thank her for her work during this transition time between Headteachers. Her help has been invaluable. Thank you, Jane, for the trust you have shown in me.

**On Thursday, we held the FOSLS AGM.** Thank you everyone who gave up their time for this important meeting. Thank you to Louise Elkes who stepped down from the role of Chair and to Emma Chandler who was secretary and Jo Cartwright who was treasurer previously. St Leonard's has great potential which can be realised when we all work together. We elected some new committee members and briefly discussed our plans for the year. Your new committee members are:

**Co - Chairs Jen Newman and Claire Maurice**

**Secretary - Emma Fuller**

We are still searching for a new treasurer, and we need to recruit a representative from each class to spread the word about upcoming events. Each class has a Whatsapp page which is already an invaluable source of information - please look out for this amongst your parent contacts. FOSLS need someone to take responsibility for gathering support and raising awareness in each class. If your class needs a rep, then please volunteer! It doesn't mean you have to do all the work, but it will mean that some of the pressure is taken off Jen and Claire.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the KS1 hall. Please come along, especially if you would like to be treasurer or if you would consider being a class representative. We discussed some great ideas for social events at the AGM but the detail relies on more volunteers stepping forward.

Kind Regards

Mr Bridges

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