



# Baydon St Nicholas Church of England Voluntary Aided School

## Family, Faith, Celebrating Achievement

Welcome to the latest Governing Body Newsletter.

### Exciting news and a big thank you.

Friends of Baydon School (FOBS) work hard to raise funds for our school. A result of this can be seen in the first lot of new iPads being used in the classrooms with pupils very focused and busy developing their skills, learning and researching using an iPad. This is a great addition to our resources and makes a significant difference to the children. **We look forward to being able to have more so everyone in the class has access to one.** A big thank you to FOBS and, of course, all of you who support their events.



### Houses of Parliament and MAEP

One of the wonderful things about Baydon St Nicholas School is the variety of events and opportunities given to the children.

Friday 12 June saw our Year 5 and 6 school council representatives visiting London and enjoying, amongst other things, a tour of the Houses of Parliament. It was a long day but a great experience.

This opportunity arose due to our involvement in the MAEP (Marlborough Area Education Partnership.) cluster. This is a group of local schools who decide to work together to share and enhance teacher development, creative ideas and opportunities for the children. (The schools in MAEP are St John's, St, Katharine's, Chilton Foliat, St Mary's Infants (Marlb), St Peter's Junior (Marlb), Easton Royal, Burbage, Ogbourne and Oare and Baydon. **Our link governor with MAEP is Amanda Osborne.**

### Play Area



We are fortunate having a spacious playground and a good play area but the play area is in need of revitalisation. We hope you will see some improvements in the play area over the summer and maybe there will even be a lick of paint for the much loved boat. The playground is used a lot for school activities but is also there to give children a safe and enjoyable place to play. Other ideas for this area or offers of help are always gratefully received. **Our governors Barbara Furber and Tony Topp have taken the lead in improving this area.**



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### September 2015

Even before you have enjoyed the summer break we are thinking about the next term. We wish every Year 6 pupil success at their new school and know that they take with them an enjoyment of learning and a confidence that will continue to help them in the years ahead.

As Year 6 children move on so we welcome 15 new children. Baydon has a wonderful reputation as a school that is welcoming, with a special and calm feel about it, providing a solid and excellent foundation for the start of school life. This is what attracts so many families to Baydon St Nicholas School.

As governors we have a responsibility and desire to ensure as many people as possible know what a good school Baydon is. Please do your bit by enthusing about your school wherever you are! Don't forget to tell parents with pre-school children or who are moving into the area about our two **Open Days on 1 July and 14 October**, although parents are welcome to arrange a visit at any time.

**Fiona Smart and Paula Bartlett take the lead on communication** so if you have good ideas how we can let the community know more about us please talk to them. Paula and Fiona can often be found dropping off or picking up their children and in school helping with reading or visiting classrooms.

### Who Are We?



As a Voluntary Aided Church School we have Foundation Governors appointed by the Parochial Church Council; other Governors represent the stakeholders of the School and are appointed or elected as appropriate. All governors have been through the enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

- **Peter Chambers** - Head Teacher:
- **Lesley Whelan** – Chair of Governors. Foundation Governor, Finance and Buildings Committee
- **Andrew Campbell-Laing** – Vice Chair, Parent Governor, Buildings committee
- **Jackie Hollander** - Ex officio (appointed by the church), Chair of Finance and Buildings Committee
- **Barbara Furber** – Foundation Governor, Chair of Teaching and Learning Committee
- **Paula Bartlett** – Foundation Governor, Communications Group, Teaching and Learning Committee.
- **Fiona Smart**;- Foundation Governor, Communications Group, Teaching and Learning committee
- **Emma Harton- Carter** - Parent Governor, Buildings Committee,
- **Amanda Osbourne** – Foundation Governor, Building Committee;
- **Donni Blackwell** – Foundation Governor, Wagtails Governor,
- **Tony Topp** – Foundation Governor, Buildings Committee.
- **Emma Gilbert** – Staff Governor, Teaching and Learning Committee.
- Vacancy - Local Authority Governor

In addition there are four Associate Governors: Allison Dobson; Susan Harris; Bridget Walker; Denise Mathewson. They use their expertise as necessary or required by the Full Governing Body (FGB.)

We welcome hearing your thoughts, praise and concerns about Baydon St Nicholas School and how we can make it an even more wonderful place for the children. Please use the suggestion box in the reception area or write to us c/o Baydon St Nicholas School.

Further information about St Nicholas can be found at: <http://www.baydon-school.org.uk/>