

Royal Cross Governors Newsletter

End of Year Edition – July 2024

Welcome to our Newsletter at the end of a year in which we have had a number of changes including a new Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and School Business Manager.

Dear Reader,

There has been a lot of changes this year but I am sure that everyone will agree that despite the changes the School is in good hands. The new Team have made significant progress in introducing an updated curriculum focused on "Subjects" rather than "Topics".

Recently we have had a very successful Sports Day and Summer Fayre which was well attended by Parents and Governors. I know the Pupils all had a very good time enjoying the wide range of sports on offer.

In closing, I would like to wish you all well for the holidays.

Thanks,

Clive Gregory, Chair of Governors

Membership of the Governing Body

At Royal Cross we currently have 16 Governors ranging from those who have recently joined to some with up to 12 year's experience of being on a Governing Body. Our Governors come from a range of industrial, educational and professional backgrounds and bring a diverse range of skills and experience. Indeed 3 of our Governors are Deaf which offers a valuable insight into the needs of our Pupils.

Over the last year Sarah Crawford one of our Governors has left the Governing Body due to other commitments. I would like to thank her the work she put into the Governing Body and her commitment to the School. We wish her well for the future.

We welcomed Arbab Hussain to the Governing Body. Arbab brings considerable experience from the deaf community. We look forward to working with him in his role as a Governor.

Governor Activities

As you may be aware School Governors are required to set, in conjunction with the Headteacher, the overall Strategy Direction for the School, to ensure that Public Money is well spent and to hold the School's Strategic Leadership to Account for Performance.

In order to discharge these responsibilities, Governors meet formally 6 times a year. In addition, various Governors visit the School to discuss a range of topics with Staff and Pupils. They also undertake Training Courses and engage with various outside organisations.

Furthermore, Governors also work to promote the School and provide small work parties to tidy up the Willow Garden and other areas of the School.

Going Forward

Our focus going forward is on ensuring that Pupils are provided with as a wide as possible curriculum. This will allow them to be as prepared as they can be for the modern world.

We are also looking to ensure that the School has a long-term future so it is vitally important that the School is publicised to a wide as possible audience. This will ensure that there is a constant flow of new pupils. This includes inviting prospective Parents/Pupils to attend our popular and successful "Stay and Play" events. Thanks to our Early Years Staff for making these "Stay and Play" sessions such a hit with both prospective Parents and Pupils.

The School will also continue to run activities for Parents including those on Internet Safety focusing on what is changing in the world of "apps" including of course "Social Media".

Finally

The support of the Parents is one of the reasons that the School is such a success. I enjoyed talking with many of you at the Sports Day and I am sure that everyone enjoyed what was a very busy Day filled with many sporting and other activities.

As the Staff and Pupils head off on their Summer Break we wish them well and hope everyone returns refreshed and ready for next Academic Year.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Governing Body then please either visit the website <https://www.royalcross.lancs.sch.uk/page/governors/36997> or contact the School.

Thank you for your interest and support.