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## GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the second edition of the Governors' Newsletter.

In this edition I would like to cover the following –

- 1) Welcomes
- 2) Progress since last time
- 3) Looking forward to 2011
- 4) Governor Profile – Janine Blackburn

### Welcomes

On behalf of all the governors we welcome all the new children who are now attending the school. We hope that the first half term has gone well and that you are all enjoying learning here at Queen Eleanor.

As you will have seen from the news letter we have also had some new staff and we welcome Mr Reetz, Miss Marriott, Mrs Gillett, Miss Wright and Mrs Bryan; we are already seeing the fantastic contributions that you are making to the school.

Finally, when the last newsletter went out it contained an appeal for governors. I am delighted to say that our recruitment drive was a success and we now have a full complement of governors. I am therefore particularly delighted to welcome Janet Bradley, Mandy Sleight, Gemma Patey, Janine Blackburn and Matthew Reetz to the governing body.

### Progress since last time

Even this early in the school year there is plenty of great progress for us to be able to share with you all.

Having had the opportunity to look back at last year's results we are delighted with the results that we achieved. In every year across the school we saw great progress and, while clearly there is more to do, it is great to have a strong foundation on which we can build throughout this year.

We were able to spend some money over the summer on replacing some of our windows and have recently been able to refurbish the music room to become a community room/music room that will serve as a great resource for both the school and the community.

You will also have seen that our cross country team qualified for the finals of our local competition; a fantastic result for the school and a great testament to the talent and hard work of our pupils and staff.



Finally if you have been into the school reception you will have seen that we now have a Governors Notice Board. On this board along with a copy of the latest newsletter you will find photos of all the governors. We want you all to know what we look like so, if you see us, please come and say hello. We would really love to hear your comments so that we can feed these back to the governing body to help us when making our decisions going forward.

### **Looking forward to 2011**

The rest of 2010/2011 academic year promises to be exciting for everybody in the school. We will soon be in the swing of Christmas and that means our Christmas performances. Last year the whole school delivered memorable shows and this year promises to be the same. We hope to see as many of you at these performances as possible to support the great work of the pupils and staff.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> December the school are hosting a community Christmas Party with a number of local organisations involved including Stony Children's Centre, The Rowans Children's Centre and the Play Association. This is a fantastic example of the school and community working together and you are all most welcome to attend.

The Spring Terms is sure to be as busy as this term has been and we look forward to working with the school team to review the progress we are making and ensure that all our targets will be met. Following last year's full OFSTED inspection we can expect a review visit and I am certain that they will see the great progress that we have made.

### **Governor Profile**

*Governor Fact Sheet*

*Name – Janine Blackburn*

*Role on Governors - Community Governor*

*Age – 30*

*Occupation – I used to be an account manager for an international shoe manufacturer but gave up my career 7 years ago to be a full time parent.*

*Family – My 2 Boys - Luca in year 5 and Deacon in year 1.*

*Other interests - I love cooking and food in general, you will usually find me in the kitchen. I also enjoy a lot of sports including formula 1 (have been a Red Bull supporter since they were the Stewarts team so am ecstatic they finally won the title), cycling, skating, tennis and dancing.*

Finally from us, we hope you all have a good Christmas and we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the course of the Christmas shows.

