

Governor's Update – Spring Term 2019



What Do Governors Do?

We Are..... Made up of 13 volunteers from Parents, Staff, Community and the Church bringing professional skills and a different perspective to support the school who is committed to ensuring every child achieves their 'personal best'. Check out our members at <http://www.st-andrewscofe.essex.sch.uk/governorsintroduction.html>

What We Do.....

- Work with the Headteacher and senior staff to set the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Monitor and analyse the educational performance of the school and its students.
- Oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.
- Discuss the budget for the next financial year.
- Conduct monitoring mornings in the school to see what our children are learning.
- Assist with reading and help manage safeguarding.
- Attend working group meetings to improve school meals and snacks.
- Look at ways to interact and share information with parents.

When Do We Meet?.....The full governing body meets every term.



Catering

Look out for our new menu and tuck options!



Parent Questionnaires

Feedback helps us identify what's going well, as well as potential areas of development. We will be handing out questionnaires at the Summer Class Assemblies for you to complete. We will let you know when the questionnaire is available and we will happily send a copy out to those parents/carers who were unable to attend a class assembly. Results from previous years surveys are available on the school website.



Monitoring & Evaluation (World Book Day & Bedtime Stories)

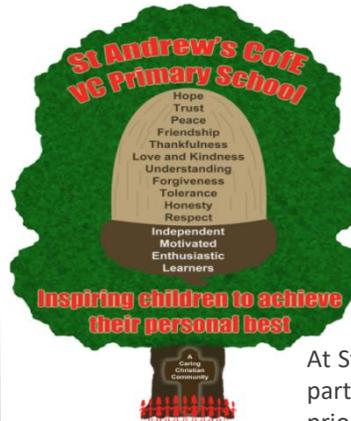
"Everyone looked fantastically colourful, the costumes were brilliant. It was clear that a great deal of effort and time had gone into such an array of costumes from the children and staff too. It was very evident throughout the whole morning that the entire School had embraced the themed week and that so many cross-curricular activities and lessons had been creatively planned and taken place."

"You could see that so many other parents & grandparents had supported the bedtime story session and were all watching the photos on rotation avidly as well as appreciating and admiring the Wonka installation in the Hall."



School Vision

"We aim to be an outstanding school providing excellent and inspiring teaching in a stimulating and creative environment, enabling all children to achieve their personal best and be ready for their next step by placing the child at the centre of everything that we do."



Finance

At St Andrews we have a very strong Finance Committee who actively monitor expenditure and work in partnership with the Headteacher to support our staffing structure and fund school development priorities to ensure that all children receive an excellent education and a wide range of learning experiences.

A meeting was held in Colchester around the issue of school funding which was attended by a Governing Body representative. Similar meetings are taking place around the country to place pressure on the Government to urgently address the impact of school budget cuts. They have promised a spending review within the next couple of months. **What's the impact on St Andrews?** The Governors have recently met and have agreed a budget for the next fiscal year. We have used some of our contingency monies to ensure that it balanced. We continue to focus our efforts to ensure that the quality of the education that we provide to our pupils is not compromised in any way. We are critically reviewing all cost lines to make savings and are confident at this point that the financial stability of the school will remain good.



School Links

TIPTREE AND STANWAY CONSORTIUM - We are part of a consortium consisting of 24 schools aspiring for excellence in education for all our children. Most of these schools are small village schools so this working arrangement supports opportunities for collaborative learning to enhance professional development and share expertise. The school is also a keen participant in consortium sporting events such as netball, cross country and athletics.