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WELCOME TO THE LATEST GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER.

We would like to offer a warm welcome to the children, and of course their parents, who have joined us this year, not just in reception but throughout the school. As Governors appointed to act on behalf of the school we look forward to meeting both children and parents on your journey through the life of our school.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS 2014

It is a delight to hear about the great achievements made throughout the school last year. At the first Governors' meeting of the new school term we were presented with the KS1 and KS2 SATS results from 2014 and once again our children had exceeded the national average in Reading, Writing and Maths. This is great credit to our excellent teaching staff who work tirelessly to ensure all our children perform to the best of their ability.

THE NEW CURRICULUM

Everyone in the school faces a new challenge this year with the introduction of the new national curriculum from September 2014. Whilst the changes are significant the Governors and staff are confident that the school is ready for their implementation. Not only have staff been attending training session but a number of Governors have attended workshops in the new curriculum.

A GOVERNOR'S TALE

Last year I had the pleasure of joining YR6 on their activity trip to the Brecon Beacons in May. It was an unforgettable experience, particularly being under canvas in the heavy rain. The children, however, were not daunted by the weather and threw themselves into every activity they could. It was great to see the children working as teams and supporting each other. – Pauline Tillet



FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS

As a Governing Body we want to thank the "Friends" for all the hard work they put in to raising money to fund some fantastic projects within the school. Without them our school would be a duller place. In the last 2 years they have raised over £14,000 which has been spent on a number of projects around the school. The latest project involved the refurbishment of the school's pond and wildlife area. On Friday 3rd October this was officially opened by Father Reg. Retiring members of the committee Sharon, Clare, Jenny and Cass along with Dan and a great number of parents and children worked through the summer to produce a garden to be proud of.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

After some minor teething problems our new cooker is up and running in order that all KS1 children can enjoy the universal infant free school meal offer that came into effect from September 2014 . Children are enjoying the new and improved menu.

LINK GOVERNORS

Following on from what we started last year some of our Governors will be following the progress of a particular class cohort throughout their time at the school. The link governors are as follows:

Governor	Link Class
Jason Yi	Reception
Sarah Ould	Year 1
Pauline Tillett	Year 2
Ann Bevan	Year 3
Jo Roberts	Year 4
Nicky Reid-Smith	Year 5
Helen Long	Year 6

SCHOOL TERMS AND DATES

Term 1: Wednesday 03/09/14 to Friday 24/10/14

Term 2: Monday 03/11/14 to Friday 19/12/14

Term 3: Monday 05/01/15 to Friday 13/02/15

Term 4: Monday 23/02/15 to Friday 27/03/15

Term 5: Monday 13/04/15 to Friday 22/05/15

Term 6: Tuesday 02/06/15 to Friday 17/07/15