



Welcome

Welcome to this Winter 2020 edition of our School Governors Newsletter.

We have been pleased to recently welcome Steve Wisher-Davies (parent) and Pauline Rodger (year 6 teacher & acting deputy) to the Governing Body. A copy of our latest Who's Who is included overleaf.

New Headteacher

The process of finding a new Headteacher to lead the school from September is well underway. We will write to you once we have a confirmed appointment, which we hope should be towards the end of March.

In the meantime, we would like to thank Jo Hodge, ably supported by Pauline Rodger & Hannah Greenman, for taking on additional responsibilities during this transition period. All the staff have really pulled together and we hope you are enjoying the new look and feel of the reception area. Massive thanks to the staff team for all their hard work.

Spotlight: Policies

We are currently reviewing all the policies and procedures at the school to ensure they are of the highest possible standard. We started with our Safeguarding and Child Behaviour policies & procedures, which Jo Hodge wrote to you about in early January. However, the process is ongoing and you may become aware of some changes to the day to day working of the school and access arrangements when you visit us for events.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and we thank you in advance for your support.

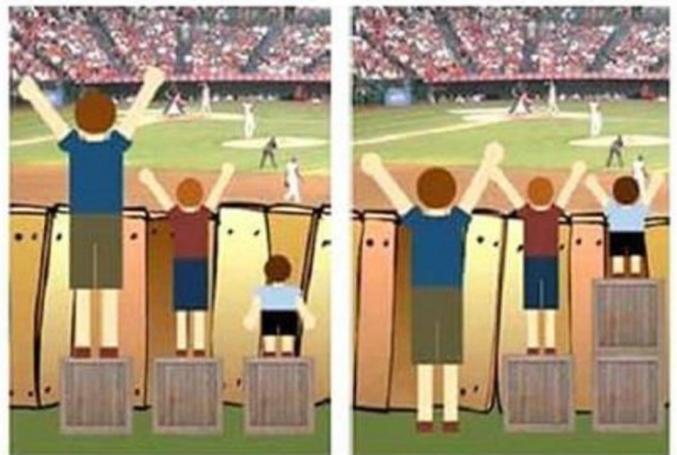
Madeleine Londragon

Madeleine is sadly leaving us over February half-term to take up a new position. She has been instrumental in transforming the finances and many of the back-office processes at the school and will be sorely missed.

SIAMS

Please join us in congratulating the school on its recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection, which judged the school as 'GOOD'. The inspector described staff as 'passionate and dedicated' and praised the school's commitment to 'offer the best possible education for all'.

A key principle of the SIAMS framework is giving opportunity for **all** children to flourish, irrespective of their background or ability. As a school we seek to maintain a focus on equity rather than equality, as illustrated by this simple graphic.



Equality ❌

Equity ✅



Introducing: Steve Wisher-Davies

My wife and I are fortunate to have 2 boys currently attending Holt school with a third a few years away from starting. Since moving to the village 6 years ago I have been impressed with how the school has operated and how well it integrates into village life.

I have over 15 years experience as an Engineer working in the manufacturing and metrology industries and hope to use my skills to help the school continue its good work.