

Governor News Summer 2017

Welcome to the summer term newsletter from the governing body of Bentley Church of England V.C and Copdock Primary Schools.



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SAT Results

Once again we were really pleased with our year 6 results at the end of this year.

Copdock - 100% reached the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, with 2 children exceeding these standards to achieve greater depth in these areas too.

Bentley - 100% achieved the expected standard in maths and 75% in reading; again 2 children exceeded across all areas.

All the data will be made available on the school's website later in the year once we've received the national data for comparison. This will also include the KS1 data which was also positive again this year.

Children and staff have all worked really hard to secure these fantastic results whilst continuing to enjoy a creative and enjoyable curriculum in a range of subject areas. We take great pride in preparing all of our children for the next stage of their education ensuring they are confident, successful and responsible when they move on to high school.

Thank you also to parents for continuing to work in partnership with school to achieve the best provision for our children.

Head pupils

The Head Pupils have done a fantastic job this year developing and applying many skills to support school improvement.

This term they have have been busy teaching KS1 children about road safety, following up on their excellent work around safeguarding within the schools.

Having come up with a lesson plan, they successfully carried through the lessons, receiving very positive feedback from their fellow pupils.

This highlights another achievement that caps a very successful program. We look forward to continuing our work with Nathan, Katie, Freddy and Leo next year.

To all PTA members and supporters

As we approach the end of another very busy year, the governors would like to pass on our thanks for all the hard work done by the PTAs in both schools this year.

You will have seen from our recent letter that in these times of austerity, managing the school budgets to ensure we provide the best education for all of our children is increasingly difficult. The work done by the PTAs in providing so much to enhance our school environments and the childrens' learning experiences is very much appreciated and makes a real difference.

Raising funds is never easy, especially in an increasingly competitive environment, so the time and effort spent by the PTAs is recognised by all the governors, many of whom have been involved with PTA activities themselves. The events organised have all made a great contribution to our school communities.

Thanks to everyone involved and best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Kind regards,

Dennis Kell
Chair of Governors

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer with friends and family...

Governor Recruitment

We are pleased to announce that following our recent communications Mr Tony Wright, from Bentley School, will be our new parent governor. We look forward to inducting Tony in to the role from September and utilising his experience to support the school.

If you would like to know more about the role of school governor then information is available on the school website and Dennis Kell, Chair of Governors, would be happy to discuss the role in more detail. We are currently seeking potential governors with experience in HR & personnel management, property management and links with local businesses.

Interested parties should contact the school office in the first instance.

Governor Monitoring

One of the key functions of the governing body is the monitoring of activities undertaken to help evaluate progress against the schools objectives. Over the last term the following activities have been taking place:-

- Paul Kerslake and Louise Amphlett-Lewis have been monitoring the impact of grammar and IPEEL on children's writing in both schools over the course of the last year and have completed their summer term visits.
- Dennis Kell and Paul Kerslake have been monitoring wellbeing across the schools.
- Don Mehen and Ruth Lincoln have been monitoring the Christian Ethos at Bentley
- Mark Starling has been monitoring the IT provision.
- Dennis Kell has been monitoring the role of the head pupils.
- Tracey Deakin has been monitoring the safeguarding provision.