

Governors' Newsletter

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CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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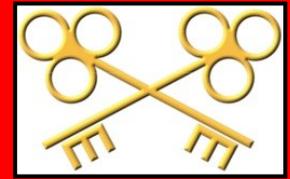
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Welcome to this edition of the Duddon St Peter's Governing Body Newsletter.

It has been a very busy Autumn term with many developments within school and continued collaboration with Barrow school

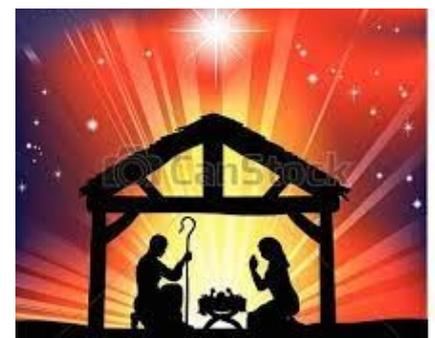
Mr Hudson has now been appointed in a permanent position as joint headteacher of Duddon and Barrow Schools. The many benefits of the schools working together have been clear, not the least providing more sporting opportunities for the children. Joint training has been taking place this term for staff and joint curriculum learning and sharing of knowledge and ideas. This will all lead to positive outcomes and we are focused on working together for the benefit of pupils.

We are also continuing to work on our regular program of oversight which includes monitoring the school budget, health and safety, safeguarding and curriculum. These are all important areas which ensures the successful running of school. A new training program has been introduced to keep all staff training comprehensive and up to date.

We have said goodbye to Barbara King as a governor this term and we thank Barbara for her time and dedication to school.

I'm sure you will all join me with a big thank you to all staff members for their hard work and dedication this term and in wishing them all a very restful and enjoyable Christmas period. Finally, on behalf of the Governing Body I would like to wish all of our school community a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Katie Pierce
Chair of Governors





It has been another busy term, with staff meetings used to discuss the Foundation Subjects. Teachers have worked with a subject specialist to design bespoke curriculums for Music, Art, Computing, History, Geography, PE, French and RE. The Core Subjects have continued to be taught using methods and schemes praised by Ofsted.

Children have enjoyed exploring Geography and History topics. Art had a whole school emphasis on drawing, using line and shading. Computing focused on e-safety and children were visited by the local PCSO.

The INSET day in October focused on Music, exploring engaging ways to teach tempo, rhythm, pitch and notation. Key Stage Two children benefited from weekly visits from the musical director for Tarvin Church to learn Christmas songs for the Carol Concert. We have been very proud of the sporting successes through the Sandstone Sports Partnership, particularly in hockey and athletics.

In Literacy, children continued to be inspired by class texts which resulted in some excellent writing. Class reading areas have been redesigned and it is great to see how much pleasure the children derive from books. The school is part of the local Maths Hub and has been developing lesson design and technical vocabulary, increasing engagement from the children. In Science, children have enjoyed investigating states of matters, forces and magnets and materials.

We are so proud of the children and their enthusiasm and participation in lessons in this long and exciting term.

Thank you for your support at home and also for supporting trips, sporting events and PTA fundraisers.

Claire Entwistle
Teaching & Learning Committee





We have been very lucky to receive a visit to the school community from Kosam, who is the co-ordinator of the BIND school project in Uganda. He is also the founder and CEO of Kindergarten in Ibanda that we at Duddon are linked with. He came to visit the 7 schools that are linked to the 7 schools in Uganda and had a very packed day from 6.30am – 10pm.

He was able to come and spend some time in Treetops with the children and Mrs Knight where he was very impressed with all the facilities and equipment that the children had, and the vast grounds.

It was a unique opportunity for Kosam (and quite last minute) as he was visiting a school in Cheltenham and we managed to get a day in his itinerary.

We are working towards the next step in the project to bring all the schools together in Cheshire in a trust, who are part of this link with the BIND schools in Uganda. In the new year there will be some information sent out to all parents, encouraging those who can to sponsor a child in the MLD Kindergarten.



Rev. Adam Friend

Vice-Chair

SAFEGUARDING:

Our annual safeguarding audit has been completed. Most staff and governors have completed or renewed their safeguarding training and a few will complete theirs in January.

Our PCSO has visited the school this term to talk about e-safety, to staff and to children.

The school's Safeguarding Lead is Paul Hudson and the Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Claire Entwistle. If you have any concerns, please contact them or myself to discuss.

Liz Smith Safeguarding Governor
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SCHOOL COUNCIL:

It has been a pleasure to help support this year's new school councillors and to oversee their election process and their formation into a group of ten councillors, taken from Year Two up to Year Six. They are a good mixture of girls and boys and are incredibly enthusiastic and full of ideas.

This term they have planned and delivered a whole school assembly to introduce themselves and talk about their ideas. So far, they have made suggestion boxes for their classes so that everyone can contribute their ideas, and proposed a cross-country club to be held at lunchtimes, which will begin after Christmas. They are also hoping to hold a cake sale in the spring term to raise funds to purchase some books for their classrooms. Well done to them all.

Liz Smith
School Council Link Governor

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