

# GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. As we head further into the summer term, we wanted to take a moment to share a few important updates from the governing board and offer our thanks to some very special people who have helped guide the school community in recent months. It's been a busy and positive term so far, and it's been a joy to see the children continuing to grow, learn and thrive each day.



## THANK YOU TO MORGAN AND TRACEY

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Morgan Currie, who stepped into the role of Acting Headteacher, and Tracey John- Baptiste, who served as Acting Deputy Head, during the last term. Leading a school through a period of transition is no small task, and they both did a truly sterling job. Their calm leadership, unwavering commitment, and deep care for the school community helped provide a sense of stability and continuity for both pupils and staff. We are incredibly grateful for the way they rose to the challenge and kept the school moving forward.

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our governing board. Parent Governors play a vital role in representing the voice of families within the school community. We'll be in the playground on Friday 6th June, while the Kinda Grind coffee truck is there, for potential candidates to drop by between 9–10am and find out more. A letter with further details will be coming home soon, and the deadline for applications is Friday 13th June.

## CHANGES TO THE GOVERNING BODY

We would like to say a sincere thank you and farewell to Laura Lewis-Williams, who has stepped down as Chair of Governors. Laura brought a wealth of experience to the role and has been a dedicated and thoughtful leader of the governing body. We are grateful for her commitment, her strategic insight, and the time and energy she gave so generously in service of the school.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Barney Angliss into the role of Chair of Governors. Some of you may already know Barney Angliss as a serving governor, and we're confident he will bring strong leadership and a clear vision to his new role.



We are sorry to see Bu Keser step down as parent governor and are grateful for all her contributions to the governing body. Her dedication and hard work have been truly appreciated, and she will be missed. Meanwhile, we are pleased to welcome Ollie Meyer and Julie Dowling to the governing board. Ollie has a background in finance and Julie is currently a Deputy Headteacher. With their professional experience and perspective, we are confident that they will be a fantastic asset to both our team and the wider school community, and we are thrilled to have them join us.

## A WARM WELCOME TO CHARLIE SOYKA

We're very pleased to welcome our new Headteacher, Charlie Soyka, to Campsbourne School. Charlie joins us with a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to nurturing both children and staff. We're excited to have him leading our school community and look forward to the journey ahead.



To help everyone get to know him a little better, we thought we'd ask Charlie a few questions.

### **What inspired you to become a headteacher?**

My inspiration has always been rooted in developing strong leadership that offers every child the opportunity to reach their potential. You could say it is in the blood because my father was a headteacher and his dedication and care that he gave to the community he served was also an inspiration.

### **What attracted you to our school in particular?**

I was familiar with the school because I had lived in the area previously. I was also impressed by the school's curriculum and standards. The reputation that it has in the local area was also something that attracted me to the school.

### **What do you believe are the most important qualities for children to develop at school?**

The creation of a caring and nurturing environment where inspirational teaching is supported by strong leadership. When this happens you build a climate where children flourish and a culture of excellence pervades.

### **What kinds of things do you think help build a real sense of togetherness between school and home?**

A strong yet shared belief in the school's mission and values that is communicated effectively by all stakeholders. Open communication between school and home and an open-door policy where parents and carers work together to succeed for the good of the school community.

### **What's one fun fact we might be surprised to learn about you?**

That I learned to tap dance at Campsbourne during lock down. (but I'm not very good!)

### **Do you have a favourite children's book or quote that inspires you?**

There are two lasting bequests we can hope to give to our children. One of these is roots the other is wings.

We're always happy to talk about and share the work of the governing body, so please get in touch. You can find out more about us on the school website.

We wish you a wonderful weekend!

From all the Governors at Campsbourne School