



St Mark's Church of England Primary Academy

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GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

March 2017

Membership changes. Andrew Ifill and Kylie Floyd have both stood down. We thank them both for their commitment and work on the LGB and will miss them.

We are pleased to welcome Jane Comerford and Colin Maher who re-joins us.

Vacancy For a parent governor. If you can spare time to meet twice a term, are interested in what the school is doing to achieve its vision and are willing to ask constructive questions we would love to meet you. Training will be provided. Information regarding the position has already been circulated and further copies can be obtained from the school office. Please ask at the office if you wish to meet with the head or the Chair of Governors to discuss this further or contact the clerk to governors to organise a meeting.

SIAMs

This term we had our SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools) or Ofsted section 48 inspection. It is an important official external inspection. It looked at our Christian Distinction as a CofE school, considering the achievement and progress of our children, influence of collective worship, the teaching of RE and school leadership and management. It was a thorough and robust process with all stakeholder groups being interviewed.

Our **Good outcome** is well deserved. From the report, whilst celebrating our strengths, we strive to be even better and have produced an action plan which governors have approved. It forms part of our school development plan.

Further information can be obtained from the full SIAMs report on our website. [http://st-marks.academy/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/1701 St-Marks-Croydon SIAMS-Report FINAL-002.pdf](http://st-marks.academy/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/1701_St-Marks-Croydon_SIAMS-Report_FINAL-002.pdf)

Highlights were presented to parents at our last Parent Forum meeting on 8th February. Notes from this can be seen on our website page. <http://st-marks.academy/parents/>

Governors at St Mark's

Headteacher

Kate Wilson

Incumbent

Mother Roxanne Hunte- Vice Chair

Trust/Foundation

Anne Tattersall -Chair

Rev Steve Cleary

Julie Roberts

Jane Comerford

Co-Opted

Claire Devine

Parent Governors

Anna McDowell

Vacancy

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Judith Glencross

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Should you wish to talk to a governor please contact the **school office** or **clerk to governors** to organise this.

THANK YOU

To the PTA who work so hard with fundraising to help improve our school. They are looking for help for the summer fayre so please do come forward to offer help. Ask at the office to be put in contact with the Chair of the PTA committee. 😊

Parent and Friends Forum-

Thank you to those who have attended and for your ideas and discussions to improve the life of our school. Our last meeting reviewed the main areas that you have wanted information on since the group was formed last year and our SIAMs inspection. There is too much to list here so do look on the webpage or ask for a copy from the office. <http://st-marks.academy/parents/>

Attendance improved upon holding the forum after a school event and we will consider doing this again. Comments that were returned on the parent questionnaire this month regarding attendance will also be considered.

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Next meeting is **Thursday May 18th at 4.30pm**. Please let the office or clerk to governors know if there is a specific question or topic you want to raise by **Friday May 12th** or just turn up and join in the discussions. A warm welcome is always extended to all.

Easter Performance

We were delighted to have some members of Churches together in South Norwood attend our Easter year 3 and 4 performance this week. Mrs Wilson, Mother Roxanne and I were pleased to show them around the school and share with them what we feel makes St Mark's special.

The Easter performance wowed us all. It was an excellent production and I am sure all of you who saw it will agree that the children were simply outstanding. Our thanks also to Ms Hoyte and Ms Glencross besides our musician Jake Shortall who made it possible. Our guests were suitably impressed too. WELL DONE everybody.

Our thanks also extend to **all** our staff who work hard as one big team to make our school great for the children.

As the holiday is almost upon us we hope you all have an enjoyable break. Easter is an important event in our Christian calendar and we wish you ever blessing at this time.

Anne Tattersall
Chair of Governors.