

Friday 4th May 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

How can it already be May!

The year is flying by and Powell is a hive of activity as usual. Last weekend children from years 5 & 6 entered the Greenpower car race having built their own car!, several classes took part in the local schools' choral evening at Dorking Halls on Monday, and on Tuesday teams of parents, teachers and governors filled Cafe Rialto for the annual FOPCS quiz. This was all on top of the usual packed curriculum and activities of the school week.

All of these things happened because of the efforts, time and commitment from staff and parents who are committed to supporting the school to provide not only an excellent education but additional opportunities for the children. These opportunities give the children's learning a richness and provide activities which they will remember and which will inspire them for years to come. I would like to thank everyone sincerely for their efforts. The school community is a hugely important part of Powell's success and the governors recognise the contribution from parents, staff and FOPCS that enables the school to thrive.

The school governors' role is to set the strategic direction for the school and to hold the school to account for education and financial performance. Powell's vision is to provide a school of excellence and happiness in the community. We now have a vacancy for a parent governor. The governing board would welcome expressions of interest particularly from parents with knowledge and experience of school governance and school financial systems, however the most important requirement is a commitment and enthusiasm for making sure the school provides the best possible education for every child.

Governors attend evening board meetings twice a term, are expected to take part in ad-hoc working groups and committees and visit the school regularly as part of our accountability function. Full details about the role and expectations are available from the office. If you would be interested in becoming a parent governor please send me a short statement explaining why you would like to join the governing board with brief details of your skills and experience by Friday 18th May. If we receive multiple applications then an election will be held to elect our new parent governor.

Our clerk who recently joined us is not able to continue in her role after the summer so we also have a vacancy as clerk to the governing board. This role would suit someone with strong administrative skills, and an interest and willingness to learn about school governance and administration. The role requires about 90 hours a year, you would need to be able to attend 2-3 evening meetings a term but otherwise the hours can be very flexible. An application pack is available from the school office. St Martin's Primary school are also recruiting a clerk and therefore there is an option for this role to clerk one or both school governing boards. Please make it clear on your

application form whether you are applying to clerk for one or both schools. The application deadline is Monday 4th June.

And finally if there is anything that you would like to talk to me about please email me or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. On Tuesday 19th June we will be trialling a 'Governors in school' day to give staff and pupils a chance to get to know the governors better and we would also be pleased to meet any parents who would like to talk to us about our role and the school on that day. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hannah Pearce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Hannah Pearce
Chair of Governors

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