

# Federation News

## From the Governing Body



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Dear Parents and Carers

21st July 2022

I hope that you are well, and managing to stay cool in the sweltering heat.

In my last note for the newsletter (more on that below) a brief report from the Full Governing Body meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> July, some forthcoming events to highlight and some hellos and goodbyes.

When we met on the 11<sup>th</sup> July we covered, as ever, all aspects of school life across achievement, finances and people. Of particular note are that we approved both schools budgets in late June – whilst money remains very very tight (hence reaching out to parents to ask for donations – for those who have, thank you very much indeed), we have bought in balanced budgets despite some particular challenges: this is not an issue that is going to go away, I'm afraid.

Staying with finances, we are delighted with the success of the Carlisle School Association (and the huge amount of money raised all year, but particularly at the summer fete) and many thanks are due to Cristina and her team. We are also very pleased that the PTA at HHJS will continue under new leadership and beginning in September by organising the Bushy Park fun run, a community event for all children and families from across the federation to get involved with.

Another date for the diary is for January 2023 with advance warning of celebrations for Carlisle's Platinum Jubilee – the school opened on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1953 and we will look to celebrate the 70 years in style!

Turning to achievement, we discussed the SATS results at Hampton Hill, which were very pleasing and exceeded both our internal expectations and the national averages, so well done to our Y6 pupils and the staff team. We were also pleased to see positive assessments at Carlisle, following a tricky couple of Covid affected school years.

We also updated colleagues on new plans for our two schools, **The Federation**, to work more closely together going forward than we have done previously. This will touch on many aspects of the provision we make for our children as they progress through both schools, and we will look to communicate more about this next term.

Lastly, hello and goodbyes – firstly in September we will welcome Deb Long to the governing body and she will take over from me as the Chair. Deb is an experienced Chair of Governors, and will lead our two schools going forward as we work ever more closely together; she will also be joined by a number of new governors from our wider community. Secondly, we say thank you and goodbye to Nina Raban (as a parent governor), Jacob Miller and Zoe Claymore (both of whom work/worked in education) and to Laura Williams who's new job takes her overseas. Nina in particular has contributed greatly to the stability of our future finances for which we are very grateful.

I will be stepping down as a governor in September, due to work commitments, following over 20 years association with our two schools – as a parent and a governor, through my wife (Miss Kemp) and three children, the last of whom leaves HHJS this term. The governor role has been many things (enjoyable, time consuming, rewarding, occasionally frustrating!) but it has been a pleasure to serve our community.

Have a good summer,

Billy Day

Chair of Governors - CIS and HHJS