

GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

A few words from our Chair of Governors...

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach Easter, I thought it would be a good opportunity to write to you again, and to review how things have been going since my letter last November.

We are all excited and keen to welcome Mr Hilliam, who will be joining the School as Head Teacher from the new academic year in September. I know Mr Hilliam is planning to visit the School on two or three occasions over the next few months, and I am sure he will be delighted to chat to any children, parents and teachers who are available. I know you will all want to make him feel really welcome. Although busy with his responsibilities elsewhere for now, he is already thinking carefully about our school and will be hitting the ground running next autumn.

I am delighted to say that following lots of hard work by children and parents, our attendance rates have improved – although there is still a way to go. Thank you all!!! Please keep up the good work.

Mr Isaacs and Mrs Elvy have been working very hard on improving the School Website with new photographs and a clearer layout. Amongst other things, you will be able to see a lot of new information about the Governors, and how they contribute to the running of the School. We are always on the lookout for new Governors. Although both Parent Governor posts are

now filled – Ian Brewer and Kate Stuart are your representatives on the Governing Body – there are a small number of Foundation Governor vacancies available. Your skills and experience will add greatly to the quality of the School management. All types of skills are needed, but if you have finance and business skills, they will be especially welcome.

We have a date for your diary! On Saturday 29th June the PTFA will be organising the Summer Event. Unmissable! The Governors' Mary Berry inspired cake-making skills will be on display on the tea and cake stall. It's an opportunity to forget the calories and enjoy.

Easter is a great time for families. Most of us can take a break from work or school and enjoy being together. I am going on holiday with my children and grandchildren, and really looking forward to seeing how grown up the grandchildren are! I know many of you will be taking the opportunities provided by some time off. Quite a few will be participating in the Easter services with their joyful and inspiring liturgy. Whatever you are doing over Easter, I would, on behalf of the Governors, like to wish you a safe and happy time. Come back refreshed!!

Kindest regards

Peter Taylor

Chair of Governors

If you would like to know more about the work of Foundation Governors, you can find useful information by following this link to the Diocesan website:

<https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/School-Governor-Booklet.pdf>

St Augustine's Funding Wish List!

Mr Isaacs and the staff at St Augustine's have an ongoing 'Funding Wish List' for improvements to the school to support your child's learning journey.

Some monies towards this 'Funding Wish List' are provided by our very great PTFA who work hard fund raising for your children.

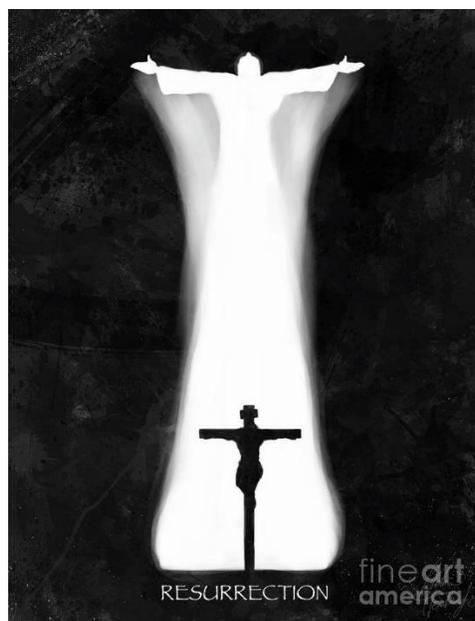
However, some projects need to be supported by other means such as grants and donations.

We are always grateful for these regular or one-off donations no matter how big or small as they directly benefit our children and provide them with an enriched education.

If you are donating or would like to donate – please could we request that you complete a 'Gift Aid Form' in order that we can re-claim the tax on donations, thus making a larger contribution to our 'Funding Wish List' and your child's educational journey.

Thank you, as always, for your support!

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter



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