

Wroxton Governors - Newsletter

Summer Term 2017

Firstly we must say goodbye to two Governors: Renate Sherwood and Don Crook.

Renate has been a school governor at Wroxton for more than ten years and Chair of Governors for four of those. During her time here she has worked extremely hard in the interests of Wroxton and has proved to be a conscientious governor and leader. She remained a governor for a further year to ensure continuity of leadership during our recent changeover to becoming an Academy. She has worked closely with the Headteacher, Mrs Guinness, and must have spent countless hours representing Wroxton at meetings at both local and county level. Facing OFSTED inspectors on several occasions as Chair of Governors is no enviable task, but her in depth knowledge of the school's finances and data, as well as her affable character, served her well. She is well liked by governors, staff, children and parents and we will all miss her very much.

Don has been a governor for over three years and during that time he has chaired the Resources Committee. He, like Renate, has worked hard in the best interests of the school. He has also used his management experience and his knowledge of health and safety issues to benefit Wroxton. Unfortunately for us, Don's increased work commitments mean that we must now lose him from the governing body.

We would like to thank Renate and Don for all their hard work for Wroxton, we will certainly miss them both and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Changes this year. The most important change for the school this year was the conversion to Academy status in association with ODST on the 1st of April. Although you may have seen little change round and about the school, in reality the staff have been working hard to ensure a smooth transition. Governors remain convinced that this is the correct course of action to ensure the long term survival of Wroxton amid constant change in the education system and severe budget restrictions.

Book donations. We would like to show our great appreciation to Trinity College, Oxford, for providing £1000.00 for reading books to give to the children. One of our governor focal points this year was on reading and we hope that the gift of the books will assist the teaching staff in continuing to raise levels in this regard. Stories of how excited the children were when receiving their books makes it all the more worthwhile. Next year we will be focussing on pupils' writing across the school and will be investigating any strategic ways that we can use to help improve progress and attainment in this subject.

School grounds. As the summer holidays are here, we must make everyone aware that the school grounds are out of bounds when the school is closed. This includes evenings and weekends. The gates will be locked from now on so please do not be tempted to enter the property.

Thank you. The governors would like to thank Mrs Guinness and all the staff at the school for their hard work over the past year. We would also like to thank the children for working so hard and for all the parental support we received. It is every single person in our school community that makes Wroxton School the fantastic learning environment that it is.

We wish all the children and families that are leaving us this summer all the best for the future and hope that everyone has a safe and happy summer break.

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