

# NEWS FROM KINGSHILL GOVERNORS

Hello from Anthony

As we approach the end of another busy year, it has been really rewarding to see the impact of all the staff's hard work bearing fruit. As you will have seen in the school newsletter, from next year we will be able to add another class with a new teacher, which is a positive statement to the local community and our stakeholders that Kingshill is doing well. Our longer term strategy has always been to grow school numbers and this has been achieved in spite of the squeeze on per pupil funding that you may have read about in the press. This means that each year the school has to do a detailed analysis of each pound spent and it is a key part of the role of the governors to ensure that the school has financial stability whilst at the same time not adversely affecting the teaching and learning at the school. It is thanks to the financial prudence of Mrs Thomson and Mrs Tulodziecki that we have been able to fund an additional teacher in these challenging circumstances.

As the Multi Academy Trust (MAT) has grown to nearly twenty schools, there has been an increase in the number of central support roles. One of these has been a governance advisor, which has been helpful to the LGB over the year in dealing with procedural issues. There has also been the appointment of safeguarding and facilities officers and I am hopeful that this increased central capacity will help the school in these and other areas.

On a less positive note, I wanted to reiterate what Mrs Thomson said about attendance in last week's newsletter. When persistent absenteeism drops below a certain point, the Education Welfare Officer from North Somerset Council will get involved with the relevant families and as a school we get placed under greater scrutiny, potentially in the longer term impacting our Ofsted rating. If you have any questions about attendance then please contact the school.

Finally, on behalf of all the governors, I would like to wish Miss Partridge well and thank her for her contribution to the school over the past few years, it has been rewarding to see her develop and grow as a teacher.

I hope everyone has a good summer break and may I wish all the best to those children and parents who are leaving us. If you have any questions about the role of the governors or the strategic direction of the school, then feel free to drop me an email at [afletcher-rogers@kcs.bwmat.org](mailto:afletcher-rogers@kcs.bwmat.org)



Anthony Fletcher Rogers

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO THIS YEAR

- Had four LGB meetings
- Had meetings of our three committees, Teaching & Learning, Finance, Premises & Personnel and Ethos
- Helped set the budget for the school year 2017/18
- Took part in the teacher recruitment process
- Completed learning walks and book scrutiny's as part of our monitoring role
- Completed a health and safety walk around of the school
- Attended governor training
- The Chair and the clerk to the LGB attended the North Somerset MAT LGB Chairs' Meeting to discuss relevant issues

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