

News from The Governing Body

Academy status

We are delighted to inform you that on May 1st 2017, Madresfield CE Primary School became an Academy, joining the Diocese of Worcester Multi Academy Trust (DoWMAT). This means the administration of the school is now independent of the local authority, however the day to day provision at school will not change - our school will maintain its vision and ethos, keeping its own character and distinctiveness. The staff will not change and we will receive the same amount of funding from the government.

There has been a lot of extra office work during the conversion to Academy, which continues this month as new financial systems and contracts are introduced. We are very grateful to Mrs Moore who has taken on this challenge and extra work very efficiently, and remained composed and calm throughout!

THE DoWMAT VISION FOR EXCELLENCE; 'To create and sustain a family of academies which provide excellent educational provision to children of all faiths and none, within a distinctively caring and supportive Christian ethos.'

Madresfield CE Primary is one of eight local schools who have joined DoWMAT since March this year, and more schools will join over the next few months. DoWMAT has a wealth of expertise to provide support in all areas. Already we are impressed with the office and school improvement support given. We are confident that DoWMAT will give us the opportunity to deliver the best possible outcomes for all the children in the school, now and in the future.

Changes to the Governing Body

Farewell and thanks go to;

Rev Sue Irwin has moved to a new job as chaplain of St Oswald's in Worcester. She was a Governor for the 11 years while she was Rector of our parish. We wish her well in her new post. Russell Patrick, one of the parent governors, left in the autumn when he changed jobs. Rosemary McCulloch finishes her term of office next month, but we are delighted she will continue to chair the Church Links group and coordinate Open the Book assemblies.

We have welcomed several new Governors;

Rev Peter Hughes will be interim ex-officio governor until we have a new Rector.

In November Cheryl Lester, Mum of Harriet in Yr R, was appointed Parochial Church Council Foundation Governor filling a vacancy from Sept 2015.

Jason Lloyd, Dad of Ollie, became a parent Governor in February.

Jonathan Chenevix-Trench replaces Rosemary as PCC Foundation Governor.

Buildings

We are very pleased to have benefited from grants from the Diocese which have allowed us to make school improvements that have been on the 'wish list' for many years!

The enlargement and transformation of the staff room and school offices has created much needed space for the staff.

The hall has had a facelift, the windows have been replaced with double glazed units and the ceiling replaced, incorporating new LED lighting and technology systems.

We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during these building works.

Sarah Titmuss
Chair of Governors

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