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Welcome to CCJ-YZ Newsletter no.3

Being a school governor...

My name is Sophie Flecken and I am a Parent Governor at Christchurch Juniors. I became a Governor in September 2018 after feeling like I wanted to have a greater insight into the running of the school, support the amazing Head teacher and her team, and share my thoughts and opinions... and if I'm honest- I'm a bit nosey!! My background is in Early Years Childcare although I have since worked in Electoral Services for South Glos Council, and I now work in a Lettings Agency!

The Governing Body is made up of people from all different backgrounds and skill sets, so don't think you don't have something to add! Before signing up, I met with the Chair of Governors (Claire Edmunds) and Headteacher (Mrs Osborne) to make sure I was the right fit and so they could answer any questions I had. It was agreed that I would be best placed on the 'Curriculum' committee. We discuss results, analyse the data, and listen to and approve plans put in place and approve policies. Our main aim is to support the SLT whilst taking a 'how do we know this to be true?' and 'how can we evolve and improve further?' approach to the great things the school is doing for the children. We are constantly reviewing and questioning the evidence that proves this to be true.

As Governors we have two meetings a term and the meetings are very interesting and varied - we could be discussing how to improve lunch time behaviour, what we are doing for our most vulnerable children, staffing changes or approving the budget... or a million other things! Since joining, I have been on many training courses - a few are mandatory, but many I have chosen to go on if it is a topic that particularly interests me, or a course related to my role as SEND Governor. It has been really interesting to learn new things and use parts of my brain that have remained dormant for some time!! As SEND Governor it is my job to support Mrs Groves our SENCO and feed back to the committee. Being a Governor has given me so much insight into just how much really does go on behind the scenes and how Mrs Osborne, Miss Friend and the whole of the staff team work tirelessly for our children. It is a school that I am hugely proud to be a part of! I believe we are a great school- and I know this because I am constantly seeing the proof. If you would like to help make our school the best it can be, why not speak to Mrs Osborne about filling one of the remaining spaces on our committee, we'd love you to join us!

Cheers Sophie.

Our Library

This is a comment from one of our year 5 children about our new library



'Even if I can't show you around CCJ I can still tell you about it. I am going to tell you about the library, which is a nice place to read all kinds of books. Even if it is rainy outside, you feel warm in the library as there are cosy corners that always make you feel good. There are so many books of different kinds, fiction to non-fiction, there is a book for everyone. I recommend Harry Potter, Jacqueline Wilson and David Walliams. I look forward to meeting you all'.

Annabelle



Christ Church Juniors - Vision and Values

At CCJ our school vision is to *Value, Inspire, Create and Engage* our pupils, staff and community. The vision statements below are the product of a team effort between our staff, school council, governors and parents. They outline our aims and our hopes for every one of our pupils. It is the basis for everything we do.

















