

*Our Kingsholm family, learning successfully together to make a positive contribution to our world
(School vision)*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Hello and welcome to the third edition of Kingsholm's Governor newsletter

As we draw nearer to another end of term there have certainly been a busy few terms with plenty of events and exciting things taking place. It is always lovely to come into school and see all the amazing things that the children have been working on - both with their work in the classrooms, their visits and in their fantastic performances.

Meet our Governors

This term we'd like to introduce you to our two Foundation Governors - Katy Wenham and Elspeth King.

Katy Wenham

I have been a governor for 3 and a half years, and I am finding it very interesting with lots to learn. I have two children at Kingsholm, in Year 1 and Year 4, but unlike parent governors, I was asked by St Catharine's church if I would be a foundation governor. As foundation governors, the Gloucester church leadership team asks us to work with the Headteacher, staff and governing body to build a shared Christian vision for the school. As a result I have had a chance to see a lot of the ways the school takes care of our children's spiritual nature and well-being, and have loved seeing the way the children have responded to the prayer spaces and 'Experience' events held at St Catharine's Church. I also have an interest in Early Years, and have appreciated seeing what the Reception team is achieving here at Kingsholm.

Elsbeth King

Having been a governor for the last 17 years I have been privileged to see the schools growth into a three class entry setting with two 'outstanding' Ofsted inspections under its belt. What has been a particular pleasure is to see the school grow both as a community of learners and as a caring and supportive environment for the children to develop and thrive in. However, as a foundation governor, I am not only interested in the spiritual side of things but also in all the wider ways in which Kingsholm supports and encourages the children in learning and working towards the shared Christian ethos, values and vision of the school. I am also interested in the broader work of the school in order for our year six children to leave in the best possible position to thrive at their secondary schools.

Over the years I have taken a huge delight in visiting the school ,talking to both children (most importantly) and staff and looking at a huge range of work, not to mention the nativity plays and concerts. I am constantly impressed and encouraged by the high standard of work, all done in the supportive and nurturing environment the school promotes. As a forward looking school I am excited by the opportunities the future brings to further develop our links with local churches and faiths and carry on the excellent work being done by everyone at the school.

What have governors been working on this term at school?

One of school's main priorities this term has been the opportunity to start working with the nursery provision at Kaleidoscope Children's Centre. We were able to start partnership working in the nursery at the end of October, and we are currently working towards taking over the provision during the spring term. The governors have been helping with the work towards the transfer. This is a fantastic opportunity for the school and our community, which will bring our children many benefits - we will be able to blend the nursery into our early years department, and make it part of our Kingsholm Family once again. We hope that we will have more good news about the nursery by the time of our next newsletter.

Secondly, as a governing body we have also been thinking about how we can be a more visible part of our school. As part of this we came along to the school's Parent's Evenings in October, and carried out a short survey to talk to you about how school sends information out to you and to ask how you might like this to work in the future. Thank you for your help if you were one of the people we spoke to! It was lovely to speak to so many families. We hope to meet with many more of you over the year at different events.

We were pleased to hear so many positive comments about the relationship you have with school. All of your responses have been fed back to Mrs Buckland.

Lots of you said that you would find a 'school app' useful - so school are looking at different options that may be available in this area and we may be able to trial something during next year.

Governors have also got new lanyards for when we are in school -which have 'governor' written on them, so that children and parents will be able to see us more easily when we are in school. Please say hello to us if you see us!

Finally, all the governors would like to wish all the children, parents, carers and staff a lovely half-term break.