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News From  
YOUR GOVERNORS

  
**HOME  
SCHOOL'S  
OUT  
FOR  
SUMMER**

**Bishop Carpenter  
CE Primary School**  
Warriner Multi Academy Trust

## Summer Update



After 14 weeks of full-on home schooling for most of us, the light is shining at the end of the tunnel as the summer holidays begin.

For all of us, this has been a long period of formidable, extreme and sometimes unbearable challenge.

Lockdown has affected us in very different ways, transforming parents into teachers, teachers into online publishers and causing our key workers to risk their health. I would like to pay tribute to Mrs Stevenson and to every teacher, parent and their support network for doing their very best for our children during this time.

Let's hope September brings us all closer to the kind of normality we now will appreciate, more than ever.

*Have a happy healthy summer, Sue*

## Governance During and After Lockdown

As well as our online committee meeting to review how things are going, those of us with children at the school are providing some "virtual school visits" reports relating to the priorities in the School Development Plan. This means that if a particular priority for focus has been identified, we can see how a teacher has provided home schooling work (also used for key workers' children in school) which addresses this focus.

Looking forward to September, we are working on our school visit plan to continue formal school monitoring visits, also based on the priorities for the school. We will also be scrutinising how the school intends to ensure that pupils are actively "caught up" where necessary and based on their individual needs.

## Goodbye to Year 6

Our Year 6s have a unique badge of honour that no-one else has ever had. They finished their final terms in Primary School during a pandemic lockdown. Some children may forget their last days – but not this year! They will be forever etched in history amongst the stories of face masks and hand sanitisers.

When they came to Bishop Carpenter they may have been fresh faced four-year-olds or joined much later than that. Whatever age they are part of our family and always will be.

Secondary school will be full of new faces, but there may also be some familiar faces, especially for those who go to the Warriner School. They will find their lessons very different, with each teacher specialising in a different topic. This will be very exciting. I hear the lessons are very stimulating with new subjects like drama, as well as the usual ones. Personally, I hope you will all be incredibly enthusiastic in Science!

I wish you lots of fun and success in your new and great adventure to come and I hope that you take every opportunity to spread your wings and fly. Please come back some day and share your adventures with us!

## Goodbye to Luci



I am sad to announce that our longest serving Governor, Luci Jordan, is leaving us as Governor due to her relocation away from the village.

Luci was chair of the SIAMS committee – this involves first and foremost to uphold the character of the school as a Church of England School.

Luci has shown immense dedication to the school over the years, with almost all of her work going on behind the scenes.

In addition to SIAMS, Luci ran the school website and was a key governor scrutinising Health and Safety. Luci will be very much missed but we all wish her every happiness in her new adventures.

## Farewell from Luci



What a great School Bishop Carpenter is!

It nurtures its students with the guidance of a team of talented and hard-working teachers and T/A's. Other staff within the BCS community play an absolutely important role in the student's life at School, by keeping them safe and booking in their clubs and lunches and all sorts of other activities.

I have been a Governor at the School for over 8 years and am now sadly leaving BCS as we are moving away from the village. BCS will always be one of my most favourite memories. I have enjoyed working with all the teachers and many other staff and have always wanted to be available to help and listen. Mrs Stevenson is my fourth head teacher and possibly one of the best, I am half Welsh so I really do have to say that!

Seriously I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU, to all the children, past and present who I have had the pleasure to help, check their books, listen to their plays, their concerts and their joy of learning at BCS. The School is a very precious place with a special gift given to all the children who move through its class rooms and corridors (socially distanced now of course!) I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you for having me". It has been a pleasure to be a Governor at BCS and I am very sad to leave, but life is for living and myself and my partner Penny are moving away to start our own new adventure... a little like all the children at BCS.

Thanks Bishop Carpenter, *Luci Jordan, Governor.*

## Who Are Our Governors?

We all meet 6 times a year plus extras for school monitoring visits, training, H&S, SIAMS (Church inspection), safeguarding and – when they come - OFSTED. There is more information in our previous updates on the BCS website

<https://www.bishopcarpenterschool.com/school-governors>



## Why do we have Governors?

We must have a Governing Body by law.

Governance is about overseeing the success of the school. It is about agreeing priorities and monitoring progress towards them, such as, by scrutinising data and visiting the school. It is about looking over the horizon and mitigating any risks. To do this, governors receive training from the WMAT and external bodies. They also have DBS checks.

It is a "strategic" role, not an operational one. It is not about running or managing the school – that is the job of the Head Teacher and senior staff.

If you would like to become a BCS Governor, please email [c.musgrove@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:c.musgrove@warriner.oxon.sch.uk)

## FAQ

Q: Where can I find school policies e.g., Behaviour Policy?

A: The Bishop Carpenter school website contains policies under: Information/documents and policies

Q: I have an issue with something and want to speak to the right person – who would that be?

A: It depends on the issue:

- Class or pupil related questions should be directed towards your class teacher
- Other operational issues (that relate to how the school is run) should be directed to the Head teacher, Mrs Stevenson who has an "open door" policy.
- If you want to escalate an issue or make a formal complaint, you should email Catherine Musgrove, WMAT Clerk, at: [c.musgrove@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:c.musgrove@warriner.oxon.sch.uk)

with best wishes from us for you and your family