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## *Welcome to the Great Milton School - Spring Term - Governor Newsletter*

### **Governor News**

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We would like to begin this newsletter by extending our heartfelt thanks to Debbie Ball who has recently stepped down from her role as Chair of Governors.

Debbie is a true Superstar and has given so much of her time in supporting Great Milton to become the great school it is today!

Thank you Debbie for all your hard work.

I will be taking over as Interim-Chair whilst we work through the transition; so apologies for the late newsletter this term.

#### **Governor Monitoring**

The Pupils Committee has carried out a book scrutiny of children's work across the school and an audit of the website. There were some clear themes throughout the school with marking and feedback which has led to the development of greater consistency over the years and progress is clear.

We look forward to resuming our regular face to face monitoring as we move towards being able to visit school in person.

#### **Health and Safety**

Our continuing focus has been on staff and children's wellbeing and safety during this difficult time by supporting the school.

### **Great Milton School Governors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Committee</b>
Alyson Frost Headteacher	ALL
Morgan LLOYD Co-opted Governor <b>Interim Chair</b>	Resources Committee Chair - GDPR

#### *Letter from The Chair*

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you will have seen from my opening comments, our dynamic leader Debbie has stepped down as Chair so we now begin the process of appointing a new Chair.

We will also be using this as an opportunity to reflect on how our Governance board is structured and consider ways we may want to change things.

The role of the Board of Governors is vital in setting the school's strategic vision and direction, ensuring the required standards are reached and both supporting and challenging the school to meet these, so it's vital that we fulfill that role effectively. We have a strong team in place and we need to make sure we use them as effectively as possible.

Once we have more updates on this, we will of course update you all.

*Morgan LLOYD*

#### *Safeguarding*

I am sure you will agree that the school's priority has rightly been safeguarding our children's emotional well-being and mental health this term.

I hope your children have engaged with the bounce back activities which can be revisited at any time at home or at school.

For older children you can also find well-being information at <https://oxme.info/>

We are planning a safeguarding visit to the school next term now the restrictions have eased.

*Lara Patel*

Louise Simpson Foundation Governor - <b>Vice Chair</b>	Resources
Debbie Ball Local Authority Governor	Pupils - EYFS Governor
Reverend Simon Cronk Foundation Governor	Personnel
Charlotte Stewart Associate Governor	Pupils SEN and PP Governor
Alison Wheeler Co-opted Governor	Resources H&S Governor
Lara Patel Co-opted Governor	Pupils - Safeguarding
Natasha Groves Co-opted Governor	Pupils - Committee Chair
Nicky Noake	Pupils
Christopher Matthews	Resources
Sue Green Staff Governor	Pupils
Katherine Richardson	Clerk

FGB meeting minutes are kept in the school office and are available for you to see on request.

Contact us on [chair@gmilton.org](mailto:chair@gmilton.org)

### *F&GMS.*

Once again, huge thanks to all involved in putting on and participating in the various fund-raising activities for the school. These truly do make a difference, and the recent event at The Bull was a great example (and a huge success).

As you may be aware, the FOGMS funding allowed us to establish a fantastic new outdoor play area for the Elf Owls last year, and money raised now will be directed towards various IT investments to support the children's digital learning across all age ranges.

### *School Staff*

Our thanks go out to all of the staff at Great Milton who have worked so hard to get everyone through this challenging time.. Anyone who works in a school loves to be around children so having to deal with virtual teaching and social distancing makes it very difficult. It's a testament to the staff how they battled through the worst of it - lets hope the Summer Term can bring a sense of normality back for everyone.

### *Pupils and Parents*

Thank you all for your support through the last term. We know it has been hard for many of you, and your patience, continued kind words and messages of support truly helped.

Thank you all

*We hope that you all enjoy a wonderful break*

*Best wishes from all the Governors*