

# Frieth Governors' News

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## *All Change...*

The governors have been considering the possibility of Frieth school becoming an academy, and early next term we will be having a meeting to go through some of the many questions that need to be answered. Earlier this year the government announced that all 'small' schools (under 400 pupils) would have to become academies although it subsequently drew back from this. However it still seems to be the way things are going although with a recent change of Secretary of State for Education there may be more changes ahead. The governing body has not made any decisions as yet and of course the whole school community, including staff and parents, will be consulted before we take any definite steps.

## **Some Goodbyes.....**

We say goodbye to Mrs Hughes after 15 years with the school. She has been an outstanding member of staff who has given her time and dedication to ensuring the best possible outcomes for Frieth pupils. She has also been a key member of the School Leadership Team and her experience and guidance in this role has been hugely valued. We wish her well in whatever the next stage of her life holds for her.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Birmingham and also to Mrs Saunders starting on maternity leave as she awaits the arrival of twins in the autumn.

We are also very sad to say farewell to Tom Nixey who died recently. Tom was Chair of Governors for some years and a good friend to the school. He will be much missed as a friend, neighbour, parish councillor, farmer and villager, and the governors offer their condolences to his wife Jane and son Tony.

## ***Summer? What summer?***

This term's achievements include an 'Outstanding' rating from the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) and also the inaugural performance of the Frieth All-Stars at a recent Celebration assembly – look at the school website for a short video of their performance. Also at last we have a new Rector, Stephen Southgate, who used his first school assembly to teach the children a sung version of the Lord's Prayer, accompanying himself on guitar.

This summer term has mainly been notable for a distinct lack of sun. Sports day was rescheduled for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July and although the heat and sun made conditions slightly sticky, the pupils were able to enjoy all the races they had practiced for. The Summer Queen

## **Thank you...**

We would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and fantastic teaching this year and for all the additional effort they put into the 'extras' such as school trips, performances, visitors to school and special event days. Their time and dedication are what make this school so special.

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