

A report from The Board of Governors

As we come to the end of another busy and successful school year, the South Hams Federation Board of Governors would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to making our Federation such a special place.

Firstly, we would like to thank all our wonderful children. We are incredibly proud of each one of you and all that you have achieved this year. From our Foundation children, who arrived in September looking so tiny and are now confident and ready to begin Year 1, to our Year 6 pupils, who have grown in so many ways and are now preparing for the next exciting stage of their education, we wish you every success and happiness for the future.

To our parents, carers and grandparents, thank you for the continued support you give our schools and pre-schools throughout the year. Whether it's helping with learning, attending events or simply encouraging your children every day, your support is invaluable. We could not achieve what we do without you.

A huge thank you also goes to our PTFAs across the Federation. Your dedication, enthusiasm and countless hours of fundraising provide opportunities and resources that enrich the experiences of all our children. From outdoor equipment and educational resources to extracurricular activities and special events, your hard work makes a real difference.

We would also like to recognise our amazing staff. Our administrative teams work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our schools running smoothly, often juggling countless challenges with professionalism and good humour. Thank you to our fantastic Teaching Assistants, Our Pre School staff, our hardworking kitchen teams, our caretaking and cleaning staff, and of course our dedicated teachers. Your commitment, care and passion create the nurturing and inspiring environments that our children enjoy every day.

The role of the Governing Board is to provide strategic leadership for the Federation. We work to ensure our schools are safe, welcoming and inclusive places where every child can thrive. Our responsibilities include setting the Federation's vision and values, overseeing budgets and ensuring value for money, meeting our statutory responsibilities, monitoring pupil progress and staff wellbeing, and supporting our school leaders to provide the very best education for every child.

The Governing Board meets six times each year, with three Resources meetings held annually. In addition, every half term our Link Governors and School Governors meet with each Head of School to monitor progress, provide support and maintain strong links between the Governing Board and our school communities.

Being a Governor is both a rewarding and fulfilling role, offering the opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of children, families and staff across our Federation.

We are currently looking to appoint **three new Governors** to join our Board. If you are passionate about education and would like to play a part in shaping the future of our schools, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Clerk to Governors

Clerk@southhamsfederation.org.uk or myself jgreaves@southhamsfederation.org.uk or telephone 07703291956 for an informal conversation and more information.

Finally, we wish all our children, families, staff and volunteers a wonderful, restful and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year.

Very best wishes

Jane Greaves – Chair of Governors for The South Hams Federation