

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you are getting to know our governors a little more through the monthly blogs. December's blog is from Mr Rob Hodges, who is one of our community governors:

I've been a school Governor at St John's for around 7 years now, and it's been a privilege to have been able to make a positive difference to the young people at St Johns.

An important part of the Governor's role is to support and challenge. Support is important, to help our school to make difficult decisions, set priorities, and make sure everything is in place which will enable our young people to have an effective and well-rounded education, have fun, and take away happy memories from their time at school.

Challenge is equally important as it helps our school to be the very best it can be. It makes sure that decisions we make in school are the right ones, and it helps our school to set the 'already-high' bar even higher, to set even higher standards for the quality of our children's education, and to aspire to even greater heights in all that we do.

The school plays an important role in helping our young people to have a well-rounded and effective education, however we must not forget the big difference it makes when parents, carers, friends and family are actively involved, both at school and at home. At St Johns we're lucky to have so many parents taking an active involvement.

It's fantastic to see the crowds who support events at school, and it was great to see many of you at the recent Family Service, Christingle and Nativity. However parental support at home is even more important, building upon your child's hard work in school by reading, talking about topics covered in school and from the world around us.

Never underestimate how much of a difference parents, carers, friends and family can make by working together with the school. And the things which make you a good parent or carer also help you to be a great Governor. It doesn't take a huge amount of your time, but you can make a real difference.

Vacancies come up from time to time, so if you're interested, next time you see an announcement from school advertising a vacancy step forward and get involved. Training is available and fellow Governors are always on hand to help you get up to speed quickly. I would recommend it to anyone.

On behalf of the Governors, teachers, staff and children, may I wish you and your families a merry Christmas, and very happy and healthy New Year.

Mr Rob Hodges