

# Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents,

At last we have signs of Spring! Could I ask though that children continue to bring a coat each day until at least Easter– we all know how quickly the weather can change.

This newsletter includes reminders about parents' evening next week and about parking, which as always won't apply to the vast majority of you– thank you for your consideration and care.

During the early parents' evening next week on Wednesday, your children will be in the hall with Mrs Willis taking part in a Year 5 and 6 'Blues Band Play-off'. Groups have written their own blues song and will be performing to the accompaniment of instruments including a washboard. The winners will be crowned by an audience vote!

I am also writing to let you know some information that may be of interest. Last term a rumour started that I was leaving. This isn't true! What I have been doing when visiting other schools is qualifying as a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspector. I was accepted to begin training on 11th March 2020... and we all know what happened next! By the time training resumed virtually and I completed it, inspections had been halted so we have been unable to have final assessments until this month. Now that I am qualified, I intend to undertake 3 to 5 inspections per year. Each inspection will take me out of school for just one day, and give me the opportunity to visit a range of schools. We strive continually to develop our provision and visiting other schools provides fresh ideas. Governors this week agreed with my proposal that all income from inspection- which comes to school, not to me- should be used for curriculum enhancement such as theatre workshops, and other visitors like the science shows we had in school this Wednesday. The school budget does not always stretch to such things but inspection will bring in approx. £2,500 per year to enable us to afford it. As you know, we have depth in school leadership and should I not be available, Mr Risby or Mrs Caulcutt will always make time to address any concerns you might have or deal with anything arising so the Governors and I are confident that my inspection duties will not adversely impact school.

Kind regards

Melanie Barratt

**A reminder...**

**Parents' Evenings next week:**

**Wednesday- in school**

**Thursday- virtually on Teams**

**Please park  
Legally,  
Safely,  
Considerately  
at all times**