



Local Academy Committee Newsletter

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Be the best you can be; together we grow from acorns to oaks, flourishing in God's love.

What is the Local Academy Committee?

Bream School is part of the Severn Federation Academy Trust. Each school in the Trust has a Local Academy Committee (LAC), which fulfils a similar role to school governors. The LAC's purpose is to maintain strong oversight of the educational standards and Christian ethos of the school.

You can find out more about the members of the LAC and what we do on the school website: <https://www.breamcofe.co.uk/local-academy-committee/>.

School Facebook Page

The Facebook page has been re-launched and is now being regularly updated with news, updates, and photos. Check it out here: <https://www.facebook.com/BreamPrimarySchool>

New playground equipment

It has been great to see the transformation in the playgrounds at the school this year. The key stage 1 playground has been re-tarmacked where needed and new climbing apparatus fitted. The key stage 2 playground has had gym apparatus fitted for the children to use at break times and during their daily mile activities. The outside building in the junior playground has also had Astro turf fitted and boardgames put on the walls to give the children a quieter space outside to play.





Welcome to Rev. Steve Harrison

The Local Academy Committee would like to say a warm welcome to Rev. Steve Harrison, the new vicar of St James Church, Bream, who joined the church on 8th June. Steve is originally from South Africa, but prior to moving to Bream, served in a group of churches near Stroud.

As a Church of England primary school, Bream has a close relationship with St. James and Steve has already been into school to introduce himself to the children and to lead worship. As a school and a committee we are looking forward to working closely with Steve in the future.



Parent representatives

The Local Academy Committee has a vacancy for a parent governor. Being a governor is a rewarding experience, giving you the opportunity to really get to know your child's school as well as giving you the opportunity to make a difference to the education and opportunities all children in the school receive. The LAC maintains strong oversight of the educational standards and ethos of the school and duties include monitoring the standards and progress of pupils, monitoring and promoting the links between the school, parents and the local community, ensuring that the school effectively supports pupils, and monitoring the Christian distinctiveness of the school.

Any parent or guardian of a current pupil can be a parent representative and we will be holding an election for a new parent governor at the beginning of the new school year. If you are interested in joining the LAC or if you'd like to come and observe a LAC meeting to see what is involved, please contact the school office.

School site improvements

We've been really fortunate to receive support from the community pay-back service to re-decorate the fencing around the school. The community pay-back service will provide all the labour at no cost to the school. We are also very grateful to Snape Contracting who have provided all the paint for

free, and St James Church who have given us some money towards paintbrushes and other equipment. The fence will be painted a bright blue, which we're sure will really brighten up the school and the centre of the village. Thank you to Mrs Brice and team for making the arrangements with the community payback team.

Farewell to Year 6

We would like to wish all our fantastic Year 6 pupils all the best for their move to secondary school and congratulate them on a brilliant school production.

New Policies

The Local Academy Committee has recently adopted a number of new policies. All school level policies can be found on the school website, along with a link to the Trust level policies, here: <https://www.breamcofe.co.uk/policies/>.

We wish you all a happy and restful summer!

If you have any comments on this newsletter or any questions about the LAC please contact Lorna Theophilus on ltheophilusACM@bream.gloucs.sch.uk.