



A lot has been happening at St Gildas' since the last Governors newsletter. Much to our surprise, Ofsted have not visited the school yet. As a Governing Body we have continued to pay particular attention to the progress that pupils are making term by term and the support they need in order to achieve to the best of their ability. This support might be tailored lessons, small group and one to one tuition or some extra help with relationships and managing in the playground. We are starting to see improvements for individual children and hope that the new tracking system that was introduced in the autumn term will allow teachers to focus on pupils who are not progressing at the rate we would expect quickly so they can get the additional help they need. Because this is about individual children, it does not matter if they are the most or the least able, the system measures expected progress for each individual child. This is something that we hope teachers will be talking to parents about in the coming months.

A group called Kidscape have been helping with a whole school initiative on bullying. This will conclude with a meeting to review the school's Anti-Bullying Policy; the review will be led by Kidscape staff in collaboration with school staff and will seek the views of all key stakeholders including parents, pupils and staff. The school will be in touch shortly to let you know how to get involved.

SARAH PRICE, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

# St Gildas' Governor's Newsletter

Summer Term  
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## Exciting Changes to School Dinners



Along with three other Haringey schools, St Gildas' has been testing out potential new catering companies to provide school meals from September. This culminated in a day of presentations and sample lunches from three companies. Two of the governors were joined by Mrs Hood and a group of St Gildas' students who heroically managed to consume three meals. This challenging task

was all in the cause of finding the best school dinners. Governors, staff and pupils all agreed that the successful bidder should be a company called 'Lunchtime UK'.

Preparatory work has already begun and everything should be ready for the 1st September. In future, all the meals the children eat will be cooked from scratch in the school kitchen and not be frozen and reheated or use ready made products. We will be monitoring the meals as we go forward and will be encouraging the children to give their feedback on the meals on a regular basis. If you would like to know more about the company, please have a look at [www.lunchtime.co.uk](http://www.lunchtime.co.uk)

## St Gildas' Centenary – 'Come, See Stay'

A hundred years ago, the local parish priest sent a card to the Sisters of St Gildas' who were based in Somerset saying 'Come, See, Stay'. They did and set up our school in 1915. As next year will be St Gildas' Centenary we feel this is something to celebrate as a community. Governors are keen to set up a Centenary Committee to work out the best way to mark this exciting event. If you would be interested in getting involved then do contact us through the school office or [admin@st-gildas.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-gildas.haringey.sch.uk).

An initial meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please do come along.

## Plans for the playground

St Gildas' had hoped to be successful in attracting funding from the Diocese of Westminster to demolish the classrooms next to the large playground so we could

develop the space into a proper area for playing games including a pitch for football. Unfortunately, St Gildas' has not been successful so we will be considering alternative ways to raise the money to make the changes we need to improve the play environment.

Fundraising will be something that we will need to think about as this is quite an ambitious project and if we were able to link it to other improvements to the buildings that would be really great.

If you have any ideas about how we could raise funds we would be very pleased to hear from you.



## Changing Roles

From the start of the Autumn term, our Deputy Head, Miss O'Donnell will be coming out of class to support Mrs Hood in running the school. Most schools have a non-teaching Deputy Head and this will be an important part of ensuring we are focusing on our improvement priorities. There will be other changes in the autumn and Miss Sarah Bergin will be joining St Gildas' following interviews earlier this term.

## Governors Day

Governors spent some time at school last month and had some really helpful insight into how the school runs and what it is like being a pupil at St Gildas'. We started off having lunch with the children. It was amazing to hear all their thoughts on what the school was like and where they thought things could improve. We all spent time observing in class and finally had the chance to meet parents and hear their thoughts. Thank you to everyone who came along for a cup of tea and a chat. It certainly gave us food for thought and I hope that you found it useful too.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss with us, do get in touch and we would be happy to meet you. We hope to do have more events in future where we can meet parents. Some of us attended the Year 3 Introduction meeting on 18 June and hope to take the opportunity to come along to other events for parents so we can talk to you and get your views.

### GETTING IN TOUCH

If you would like to know more about the work that Governors are doing, please contact us through the school office or on the email address below.

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Email us on [admin@st-gildas.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-gildas.haringey.sch.uk)