



# NEWSLETTER

**Happy Friday!**

## **Whole School Assembly Theme**

The build-up to Southfest continued this week with an assembly all about Farrah Fortnam. Farrah's art is heavily influenced by her Pakistani heritage and her love for the natural world and the children were transfixed by the incredible colours, patterns and images that Farrah incorporates into her work.



During Southfest, Farrah will be producing two pieces for us - one on the lower section of the house wall at Merrywood (by the preschool playground) and the other on the long wall at Myrtle which stretches from the orchard to the corner of the carpark. We are so excited to find out what Farrah designs for us and to see the murals unfold before our very eyes during Southfest!

We are looking forward to Monday's assembly, when we will be joined by Oli T who will be working in the Year 5/6 corridor during Southfest.

## **IEPs (Individual Education Plans)**

Next week we will be moving into the Spring IEP review window so if your child has an IEP, please look/listen out for communication from their teacher to arrange a review meeting. The meeting

will review progress against the Autumn targets and where appropriate agree new ones and it is our intention that this meeting will take place before the half term holiday.

### **Get busy playing games on-line in French!**



We have until the end of January to use the language website [languagenut.com](http://languagenut.com) to play games and practice French.

Username: kturvey

Password: southville23

We have 102200 points so far and counting!

Have fun! Madame Turvey

### **Seatbelt Safety**

Recently we have noticed a number of cars driving away from school without the child wearing a seat belt.

As part of our safeguarding duty we will challenge this if we see it but please can I remind you, if you are using your car for pick up, to check your child is securely strapped in before pulling away. Thank you.

### **Parent Governor Election**

On Wednesday you should have received notice of our Parent Governor Election. There were three nominations submitted before the holiday, and we are inviting you to vote for one of the candidates to join our Governing Body.

I am really grateful to the three candidates for putting themselves forward for this important role, and I encourage you to read the statements below before casting your vote via the link below.

For more information about the process, please refer to Wednesday's communication.

Here are the personal statements from the candidates:

#### ***Jo Sweetman***

*I have been a parent at Southville Primary for 4 years and have 2 children at the school. I believe it's important for children to be able to develop all of their interests and abilities, while supporting their physical and mental wellbeing.*

*I have experience in project and people management; developing and implementing new policies and procedures; marketing and communications; and working with local councils and Government. I have a background in communicating science, with a focus on food, health and wellbeing. I currently work with experts communicating cutting-edge science and technology such as Artificial Intelligence.*

*I volunteer regularly at school events and often help a local Scout group. I'd be delighted to contribute my skills and experience to ensure the school continues to work well for children and parents, and that every child has the opportunity to be the best they can in a fun and supportive environment.*

**Philip Allan**

*I am currently a serving Head teacher at Oasis Academy New Oak. I have worked in education for the last 12 years, spending all my time in South Bristol. I have worked as principal in one of the most deprived schools in England (Hareclive E-Act Academy) and was part of the leadership team that received an 'Outstanding' judgement in 2019. At New Oak we received a 'Good with elements of Outstanding' judgement (up from Requires Improvement) after being in post for 18 months.*

*The importance of good governance cannot be understated. The quality assurance provided by governance is integral to school improvement. Governors can provide skills, mentoring and help which sits outside of the education sector.*

*My relationship started with Southville this September and will last until at least 2035. A strong relationship between all stakeholders is imperative to a flourishing school. I want to work in service of our school and our community to improve opportunities and outcomes for all.*

**Alex Prichard**

*I'd be delighted to be a parent governor at Southville Primary. I care passionately about education as a public good and understand that young people's future prospects are in large part shaped by their primary school education.*

*I have two daughters in Y4 and Y6, and have seen them flourish here, so I'd like give something back to the school.*

*I'm an Associate Professor of International Politics at the University of Exeter, where I've taught for over 10 years. I've had a number of senior administrative roles at Exeter, overseeing the delivery of high-quality education for students at all levels, from different backgrounds and abilities.*

*I would support a child-centred and child-led philosophy at Southville Primary, and I think it's important to ensure the right democratic processes and structures are in place to help them flourish. I'd be honoured to be a voice for parents at Southville Primary.*

The link to submit your vote is here: <https://forms.gle/3fYTfzLCum6gBuDL8>

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman