

A decorative border of pumpkins with carved faces surrounds the text. The pumpkins are arranged in a rectangular frame, with a single row of 15 pumpkins at the top and bottom, and vertical columns of 15 pumpkins on the left and right sides.

GOVERNORS' BLOG – AUTUMN 1, 2022

Welcome to all new pupils who have commenced with us and are joining the Whittlefield family this September, and welcome back to those pupils who are returning. I am pleased to say that Mrs Boughen has now officially joined the school in a permanent capacity after undertaking the role as Acting Headteacher for the last two terms. We are very pleased to have Mrs Boughen at our school, who will work with all our staff to make sure your child's education and experience at Whittlefield is a positive one. Children are already quite attached to Mrs Boughen.

The school was saddened to hear of the death of our Queen and held an assembly of reflection and remembrance as a mark of respect the day following the announcement. All children took part in what was an unusually solemn assembly, with all children showing reverence and respect for the occasion and their behaviour being exceptional. Given the work each class had undertaken as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration, which they presented as short mini plays at the end of the last term, each child was able to identify and understand the importance of the Queen and what she meant to them.

Our next Governing Board meeting is to be held on the 14th of October. At the meeting we are scheduled to learn about the early help available for families and children where concerns have been identified to safeguard our children. This will build on the work undertaken by staff towards the end of the last academic year, which was presented to the Board, as well as the training we received from one of our Governors who specialises in this area.

At the meeting Mr Booth will also be highlighting the allocation and impact of funding in relation to sports, P.E. and things activity related and where this is likely to be spent within school and Mrs Boughen will be taking members of the Board through our school improvement plan, progress and immediate priorities for this academic year.

We hope to be able to notify of further recruitment to the Board following the departure of Mr Wood, who was our Finance Governor. An update will be provided as soon as we are able.

Pauline Lucarz
Chair of Governors