

18th January 2018

Parent Governor Election

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

We have a vacancy for a parent governor which we are keen to fill as soon as possible. Parent governors are elected by and from the parents of children currently attending our school. They serve a four-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the governing board. The governing body's main tasks are to support the school, ensure that pupils receive high quality education and plan for future development and improvement.

St Mary's Primary School has always aimed for a partnership with parents, which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor and help ensure that the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

You might like to look at the information for prospective governors on the Gloucestershire County Council website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/governors. Further information on the role is also available on our school website <http://www.stmarystetbury.com/life-at-st-marys/our-governors>. If you have any questions please contact the Chair of Governors, Liz Maisey, by emailing her via chair@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk.

The governing board has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. This is achieved by ensuring that governors have the necessary skills and commitment to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. The particular skills that the governing body needs varies and will include personal qualities and capabilities, such as the capacity and willingness to learn and work as part of a team. It is expected that governors will make use of the various training opportunities available to them and play a full part in the work of the governing board.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please return your nomination (self nomination is acceptable) to the School Office by 12.00 noon on **Friday 26th January**.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will be held in the week beginning **29th January** and you will be sent a voting paper. The count of voting papers will be on **Friday 9th February**. You may return the ballot paper either via your child or by post in a sealed envelope.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Woolley (Head Teacher)