



Issue no.8



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Marinaon the arrival of **Alice** on Wednesday 21st October**Marianne**on the arrival of **Dylan** on Sunday 1st November....and **Emma**on the arrival of **Louis** on Tuesday 27th October

We wish the staff and their families all the best!



Thank you to all of our parents/carers who are continuing to support the school now that we have entered a national lockdown.

Many of you have sent emails thanking staff and this is greatly appreciated. We hope that all of children and families continue to stay safe and well during this challenging time.

Spare uniform



Do you have any spare socks, tights, underwear, trousers or skirts in good condition that your child may have outgrown to donate to Julian's?

We are in need of extra for when children have accidents and require a change of clothes - Please hand to staff at the gates!



Parent/carer evenings are on :

~Monday 16th November 2020

~Tuesday 17th November 2020

~Wednesday 18th November 2020

between 3.30 and 6pm. Nursery, Reception and 6S times will be communicated separately.

Parent/Carer Forum

<https://www.juliansprimary.org.uk/parents-carers/parent-carer-forum>

Most classes have been back in action for a month now. There was clearly a lot of effort by the school administration to think things through as to the best way to manage the challenges posed by our present reality. We would like to offer a big thanks to all the JPS teachers and staff who have worked above and beyond to ensure that the school is a safe and welcoming place.

The school welcomes questions, comments and suggestions from parents and carers and the purpose of the Parent/Carer Forum is to channel all this valuable feedback and present it to the Senior Leadership Team.



All parents and carers are automatically members of the forum. We all share a common goal and will have a more potent voice when we speak collectively. This applies to issues that affect the entire school and the forum does not exist to deal with matters that affect only one child or family.

We encourage parents and carers to send their feedback to the Forum email address at:
JPSParentCarerForum@gmail.com

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS - November 2020

Thank you to our 2019-20 Parent/Carer Forum committee- Mike, Chanel, Katherine and Sarah- for all their hard work last year. The term of office runs for the academic year and so we will need to make new appointments for the current year. Named Parent/Carers will be appointed to the following positions

- Chair
- Secretary
- Coordinator

Role specifications for these positions can be found in section 6 of the handbook

https://www.juliansprimary.org.uk/static/media/uploads/parents%20carers/julians_parent_forum_handbook_2019.pdf

A parent/carer holding a position in another school body, such as the Governing Body, cannot be appointed to one of these roles.

Your
Opinion
matters

In light of the current circumstances, much of the work that the Parent/Carer Forum will do will be virtual and so we hope this will encourage parents to put themselves forward for the roles.

If you are interested in joining the committee then please email Olivia (Deputy Head of School) on olivia@juliansprimary.org.uk

Elections will take place electronically after the half term break in November.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS – November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to notify you that an election needs to be held for a parent governor position on Julian's Governing Body. To fill the vacancy, the Governing Body is asking parents and carers to nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child attending Julian's West Norwood. Note that previous holders of the post are entitled to stand for re-election, so long as they still have a child at the school. If the Governing Body receives more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held.

Before you decide to nominate someone, or indeed stand yourself, you may want to know a bit more about what is involved. The Governing Body is responsible for the strategic management of the school. In practice, that means three main things:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is spent well.

The Governing Body carries out its role by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving it. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and ensuring accountability and compliance. The Governing Body of our school is made up of parent/carer governors, staff governors, appointees from the local community, and an appointee nominated by the local authority.

At Julian's Primary School, we have a strong group of parent/carer governors and highly value the contribution they make to the Governing Body. Parent/carer governors are not expected to directly represent parents and carers, but they do offer a unique perspective on the school as well as their skills and outside experience. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. Governors need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards. We also welcome nominations from individuals who have specific skills such as expertise in HR management, project management or education – but are we not restricting nominations only to people with those skills.

Our Governing Body expects the successful nominee to:

- attend one meeting of the full Governing Body each term (two in the Autumn term)
- sit on one of the Governing Body's committees – either the Achievement Committee, which considers attainment in the school (and meets twice a term, at 5pm on a Tuesday) or the Resources Committee, which considers funding, expenditure and staffing (and meets twice a term, at 8.30am on a Thursday)

- visit the school formally for monitoring purposes at least once a year
- commit to attend one training course per year, perform additional research as required and support monitoring of different aspects of the school's performance

In return, our Governing Body commits to

- provide you with a structured induction
- provide access to quality training via the local authority
- provide you with an experienced governor as mentor

The priorities of the Governing Body are to support Julian's Senior Leadership Team to achieve:

- Excellent achievement
- Excellent teaching
- A high quality, creative curriculum
- Distributed leadership within the school
- Good financial management
- An inclusive ethos
- Integration between two school sites

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, please email me at juliansgovernors@gmail.com and I will arrange a time for a conversation.

Nominations should be made on the attached form, which needs to be returned to the Executive Headteacher no later than midday on 27th November.

If more than one nomination is received, a ballot will be held. If a ballot is to take place, candidates will be notified by 5pm on 27th November, and will be asked to provide a photograph. These must be at the school no later than midday on 11th December as they will be distributed to voters along with your nomination statement and the ballot papers.

The ballot will close at midday on 9th December, and the result announced before the end of term.

Chris Davies

Chair, Julian's Governing Body

COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE STREATHAM SCHOOL OFFICE BY MIDDAY on 27th NOVEMBER

Full name of NOMINEE (BLOCK CAPITALS):

ADDRESS and POSTCODE:

Parent of: _____ **Class:** _____

Full name of PROPOSER (BLOCK CAPITALS) if not proposing self:

Signature: _____

Parent of: _____ **Class:** _____

Please include a few details about yourself and the reasons why you wish to become a parent governor (up to 200 words):

All candidates should please ensure that they have read and signed the declaration of eligibility below

DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE ON A SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

In some circumstances, a person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a school governor. A person may not be a governor:

- if already holding a governorship at Julian's Primary School (note: this does not disqualify parent governors whose term has come to an end from seeking re-election);
- if under 18 years of age.

Also, people who

- are compulsorily detained under the Mental Health Act 1983;
- are bankrupt or disqualified, or are subject to a disqualification undertaking, under the Company Directors Disqualification Act;
- are subject to a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, or disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002;
- are subject to an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- have been removed from a charity trusteeship by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of misconduct or mismanagement;
- are included in the list of teachers or workers prohibited or restricted from working with children or young persons (currently named List 99);
- when screened by the Criminal Records Bureau are found to have a conviction which would result in them being unsuitable for working with children;
- have been disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee in any school by an Independent Schools Tribunal or the Secretary of State;
- have in the previous five years (or since becoming a governor) been sentenced to three months or more in prison (whether this was suspended or not) without the option of a fine;
- have in the previous 20 years been sentenced to imprisonment for two and a half years or more; have at any time been sentenced to imprisonment for five years or more;
- have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to, or since, appointment or election as a governor;

may not serve as governors.

Would you please confirm that you are willing and eligible to stand by signing the declaration below?

I declare that I am the parent or guardian of a pupil registered at the school and am not disqualified from serving on a school governing body. If I become disqualified I will give notice of the fact the clerk to the governing body. I will agree to a Criminal Record Bureau check.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

School Term Dates



Autumn 2020 - Term One

Inset Tuesday 1st September 2020
Inset Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Children Start Thursday 3rd September 2020
End of Term Friday 23rd October 2020

Term Two

Children start Monday 2nd November 2020
End of Term Friday 18th December 2020 (School Closure times TBC)

Spring 2021 - Term Three

Inset Monday 4th January 2021
Children start Tuesday 5th January 2021
End of term Friday 12th February 2021

Term Four

Children Start Monday 22nd February 2021
End of term Wednesday 31st March 2021 (School Closes at 2:00pm)

Summer 2021 - Term Five

Inset Monday 19th April 2021
Children start Tuesday 20th April 2021
Last Day of Term Friday 28th May 2021

Term Six

Children start Monday 7th June 2021
Last Day of term Thursday 22nd July 2021 (School Closes at 2:00pm)
Inset Friday 23rd July 2021

Term Time Bank and Public Holiday – Monday 3rd May 2021 (May Day)