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It's hard to believe another school year has flown by so quickly and the summer holidays are so close!

The governing body reconstituted in March, increasing in size from 9 to 10 governors, and as a result we have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor. Ideally, we require someone with a background in business or finance who has knowledge of (or is willing to learn about) Autism. Do you know anyone who would be willing to volunteer for this position? If so, please encourage them to contact Jane, our Clerk to Governors, for more information:

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or phone 01606 74975.



In December this year, one of our Parent Governors, Jo Moores, comes to the end of her term of office. Her son has now moved on from Rosebank and Jo will be resigning from her position on the governing body. We will be looking for a new Parent Governor ~ if you might be interested, please contact Jane for further information.

Unfortunately our Chair of Governors has been very poorly over the last few months and is currently incapacitated having recently had a serious operation. In the meantime, I have been "acting up". The Governor Accreditation Programme training that we have planned has been put back until the Autumn Term so that Ann, our Chair, will hopefully be fit and well enough to participate by then.

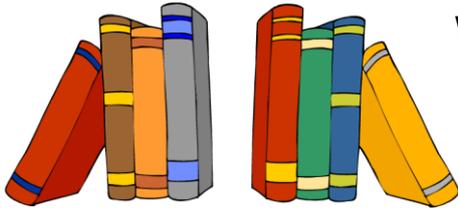


Rosebank's "Charity Partner of the Year" agreement with Sainsbury's sadly finished at the end of May. We have enjoyed working with Sainsbury's and without their support the refurbishment of the bungalow could not have taken place. We are very grateful for all the work they carried out on the school bungalow to make this a useable space to help us to generate future income. Thanks also to Derrick, the School Site Maintenance Officer, who carried out a large part of the preparatory work.



We are now able to use the bungalow meeting room for our governor meetings, and this space is available for school and other organisations to use for meetings or training courses. School is also able to generate income from regular renting of office space to Barnton Parish Council and the Royal British Legion. Our thanks also to

Dilys Hooper, Co-opted Governor at Rosebank, who works tirelessly on our behalf campaigning, cajoling and persuading personal contacts, organisations and companies to support or donate to our cause!



We are also delighted that great progress has been made towards setting up a resources library for parents in the bungalow ~ this has been on our wish list for a long time and it is wonderful to see it finally coming to fruition!

Our thanks to the NAS for their support with this project and to parents who have come in to help with labelling and cataloguing the books, and also to Scott, a volunteer sourced by the NAS, who has set up an electronic database of all the resources. We were delighted to receive a donation of £750 from the Union of Catholic Mothers in Northwich recently which is to be used to buy additional books and resources to add to our stock.

Donations like this make a tremendous difference.

Our next major fundraising project is improvement of the sensory room. This room requires some building work to change the heating system and installation of some soundproofing panels. If we are able to achieve this, it will greatly improve the quality of the room for all the children.



The governors have been monitoring the School Improvement Priorities throughout the year. School has five main Priority Areas to work on and these focus on:

- Maximising pupil achievement;
- Ensuring consistently outstanding teaching matched to the specific needs of our children;
- Ensuring the highest possible standards in behaviour, safety and attendance;
- Further developing the effectiveness and impact of leadership;
- Continuing to ensure that outcomes and provision in Early Years Foundation Stage remain outstanding.



Progress has been made in all areas and the Governing Body would like to express our appreciation of all the hard work the Leadership Team and staff put into making Rosebank School such a positive experience for each and every individual child. Work will be on-going on all of the priority areas to continue to ensure that Rosebank is the best it can be.

Thanks to all parents for their support this year. I wish you all a happy summer holiday and good luck to those pupils who are moving on to new schools. We look forward to welcoming the new intake in September.

Best wishes,

Sarah Steen

(Vice Chair of Governors)