



# Heartwood CE VC Primary and Nursery School

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Dear All,

What a privilege to be a part of the Heartwood community for this academic year.

The Governors have been working closely with the schools' leadership team to ensure that every child in this community has the opportunity to develop their knowledge and apply it across a curriculum. Over the year we have welcomed colleagues from different areas of Education (Ofsted trained, other local schools) into Heartwood to hold challenging conversations with the staff, so that we can continue to make sure that Heartwood is a safe, engaging school where pupils can love to learn.

Mrs McMillen and the amazing staff at Heartwood, have worked extremely hard to focus on any gaps of knowledge the children may have, after the destruction Covid caused to social interaction, routine and education.

This has been seen in the brilliant work the children are producing and their confidence in reading. There have been numerous opportunities provided to offer experiences and learning beyond the classroom walls, and other events absorbed into the day-to-day learning – like the King's Coronation.

Within the Governing Board we have had a few changes to our members. Some Governors term of office came to an end and, we were very sad to say goodbye to Rev Janet Allan, as she moves onto pastures new. Of course, this means we are in the process of being able to welcome some new members to the board, which is a lovely thing. On behalf of the leadership of Heartwood, thank you to all those who have contributed to the role of Governor this year, we are extremely grateful for the time, commitment and experiences you all have brought.

Finally – thank you all, being a parent can be tough, being a child at Primary school isn't always an easy task either! Thank you for supporting, sharing and continuing to be part of the Heartwood world. If you do have any suggestions to help develop communication, ideas for the school, thoughts about things you would like to see done differently – please reach out and talk to us. You have two parent Governors in your community, Mrs McMillen and myself [chairofgov@heartwood.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:chairofgov@heartwood.norfolk.sch.uk) .

Best Wishes

*Kim*

**Mrs Kim Stabler**  
Chair of Governors



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Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
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**Learn to Love – Love to Learn!**  
'Live life in all its fullness.' John 10:10