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## Buildings Links

During half term, Mrs Elliott and Miss Pickering are travelling to South Africa to visit our partner school- Dihlabeng Primary and also to visit children in the local townships.



They have been working hard with a group of parents and grandparents to create story sacks to share with the children over there.

To help raise money for these story sacks we will be having a 'Book Day' on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

You are all invited to bring in a small donation and to dress up as a character from your favourite book and bring in a donation

## Dates for your Diary

**Jan 26 3.30** → Meet Literacy teacher-  
**Jan 28 3.30** → Meet Numeracy teacher

**Feb 5 Dress up day!**  
**Feb 12 Last day of Term 3**  
**Feb 22 Term 4 starts.**  
**March 31 Easter Service TBC**  
**March 31 Last day of Term 4**  
**April 19 First day of Term 5**

## Communications

Would you want to receive crucial messages from the school (closures, key reminders) by text ?

Do we need to print the weekly newsletters ? (email ? website?)

**A short survey will be out next week**

## Election of a Parent Governor

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All school governing bodies must have a number of Parent Governors, who are elected by parents/guardians of pupils at the school for a period of 4 years. As a parent /guardian of a pupil at this school you can stand as a candidate or propose candidates for election to the Governing Body.

The way in which the election process works is set out below:

All candidates for election must be proposed and seconded.

### [Nomination forms: outside school office , on web-site or emailed on request]

Nominees may submit a description of themselves for inclusion with the voting paper. This description which should not exceed fifty words is helpful to other parents in deciding which person to vote for.

Nominations should be submitted by completing and returning the nomination form to the headteacher of your child's school, not later than ten days from the date on this letter.[9.am Feb 5]

If there are more candidates than there are vacancies, the headteacher of your child's school will provide you with a voting slip and details of how and when you may vote.

If the number of nominations match the number of Parent Governor vacancies, there will be no need for an election and the headteacher will display the names and address of the person (s) elected in a prominent position at the school.

School governors work with the head and staff of the school in determining the ethos and values of the school. It is essential that parents are actively involved in the governing body. [ '**Parent Governors at CCJ**' leaflet on website or outside the office]

If you wish to know more about being a School Governor you may, approach your child's school, talk to someone you know who has been a School Governor or contact the Governor Support Unit by ringing 01454 863182.

Yours sincerely Therese Gillespie