



What have we been doing this term?

The effectiveness of our governing body is linked to the expertise, knowledge and skills of its governors are given regular training to ensure that they are abreast of recent changes and can learn from best practice. I have attended a Governor Partnership meeting where we discussed the changes in education & how they could affect our school; I also attended a Teaching School Alliance meeting to learn about support available to governors to help us provide the best leadership & challenge to our staff to ensure the best outcomes for all children. I learnt some questions that governors should be asking our school leaders & will report more about this in my next newsletter. I am in touch with a Chair of Governors in another primary school with a view to organising a joint school evening with our governors to share good practice .

Our school has four types of Governor:

Parent Governor - Parent Governors are elected by other parents as their representative.

Staff Governor - are elected by the staff and represent the views of the staff.

Co-opted Governor - are people who live or work in the community served by the school and who are committed to the good government and success of the school.

Local Authority Governor - these positions are ratified by the Executive Councillor for Children's Services and Lifelong Learning. They are individuals who can bring skills and knowledge to benefit the school.

All governing bodies have their own dedicated **Clerk to Governors** - Dave Harrold is our recently appointed Clerk, responsible for convening all the meetings we have. This includes giving written notice of meetings and a copy of the agenda to all governors and the headteacher at least seven clear days in advance of the meeting. Dave attends all our meetings to produce minutes of the proceedings which record all discussions & decisions, he maintains a register of members of the governing body & he ensures that we operate in line with The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013

Update on our membership this year:

Miss Laura Rushton has been appointed as our staff governor. **Wng Cdr Paul Yates** has also joined as a co-opted member & will be working with members of Finance & Personnel Committee. **Mr Graham Cavill**, our most recently elected parent governor continues to help out in lots of ways around school. **I am saddened to report the recent death of Mr Dave Berrie** our Chair of Finance & Resources Committee who excelled at providing us with sound financial & also personal support. He will be a great loss.

Minutes and Agenda Papers If you wish to find out in more detail what is being discussed by the governing body, you can request the published minutes of our meetings or the agenda papers. These are available by contacting the Clerk to Governors.

It was lovely to meet so many parents at the recent EYFS & also Yr ¾ open afternoons & to see our confident older children acting as guides to visitors. This term is full of excitement & opportunities to come into school so I hope to see some of you at the Christmas Fair, the Christmas production or perhaps just in & around school. If you have any questions about the work we do please come up & ask me or another governor & we will be pleased to tell you! Mr Martin & the staff work tirelessly to maintain the excellent outcomes and learning environment for your children & governors are proud to support them.

Julia Vause Chair of Governors