



GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

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Chair's Word—Lesley Calder

I'm delighted to bring you our latest Governor Newsletter. It is one of the ways for the Governing body to support good communication and links between governors, staff, parents and children.

Over the past few months we have seen a lot of changes within the Governing Body. Mr Skidmore (Community Governor) and more recently Mrs Atkinson (Community Governor) have moved on to pastures new. We have welcomed Mr Brown (Community Governor) and Mr Ranade (Parent Governor) with Mrs Feather who has stepped forward as a LA Governor and Mr Chapman (Parent Governor) who has transferred to Associate Governor. Mr Evans (Local Authority Governor) has also stepped back as a Governor but is now Clerk to the Finance committee.

We are an approachable and friendly bunch and welcome opportunities to meet and speak with parents. Please feel free to stop any of our Parent Governors in the playground (or any of the rest of us when on site) with any question you might have about the school. If we don't know the answer there and then, we'll know someone who does. Alternatively email or write to us.



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Governor Days—seeing the school in action!

We have been looking at ways to see more of the school and it's normal day to day activities from both the children's and staff's perspectives.

We held our first in October with Governors spending the morning and/or the afternoon at the school. The intent was to experience as much of the 'school day' as possible. Some Governors undertook 'Learning Walks' with Mrs Stockley and visited all of the classrooms. A number spoke with the children about their enjoyment and learning of the core subjects, spent time with the children outside at play and lunchtime, had lunch and a chat with the children in the dinner hall, attended a School Council meeting and met with the staff. It was hugely enjoyable and very informative and it now to be a termly fixture for the Governors. Our next one is booked for Tuesday 25th March—a date for the Governors to look forward to!

Key Focus Areas for us in 2013/14 ?

2013/14

- Further Improve standards in Writing
- Further Improve standards in Mathematics
- Continue to Develop Leadership Effectiveness
- Review whole school Curriculum plan in light of New Curriculum Sept 2014
- Further Promote Positive Behaviour across the school

Autumn/Spring Term Highlights

- SATs results analysis and review
- School Improvement Partner Standards & Review visits
- HT/Staff Performance Management
- Strategic Planning
- Succession Planning for Staff & Governors
- Effective Governor Visits training & Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Policy Reviews
- Budget (ongoing) & School Financial Value Standard

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Who's Who ?

Our Governors are all volunteers and give up their skills, experience and time for free in order to help and support our school. If you want to find out a little bit more about who they are, what they do and what they bring to the Governing body please look on the School Website at www.littlehadham.herts.sch.uk.

Name	Committees & Role	Responsibilities & School Links
Lesley Calder Community Governor	Chair of the Full Governing Body Chair of Curriculum & Standards Committee Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	SEN, A,G&T, Community Cohesion, Diversity & Equality and Thinking Schools Behaviour, Anti Bullying Governor, Achievement for All
Fiona Whitby LA Governor	Vice Chair of the Full Governing Body	CPD, Music, MFL, Maths (Shadow) Governor Beech Class Governor In School Support
Anne Feather LA Governor	Curriculum & Standards Committee	Numeracy and Humanities Governor 'Mighty Maths Club' Leader Lime Class Governor
Marcel Ranade Parent Governor	Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Science Governor
Clare Brown Staff Governor	Curriculum & Standards Committee	Beech Class Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher Designated Child Protection Person Eco Schools
Darian Compton Associate Governor	Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Child Protection Governor EYFS & Maple Class Governor 'Friends' PTA Co-Chair
Rob Brown Community Governor	Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Literacy and ICT Governor
Liz Stockley HeadTeacher	Curriculum & Standards Committee Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Inclusion Co-ordinator
Lucy Tweedale Staff Governor	Curriculum & Standards Committee	Maple Class Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher Designated Child Protection Person Staff CPD
Alexis Starr Parent Governor	Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Literacy (Shadow) Governor Pupil Premium, Sports Premium
Patrick Wells Parent Governor	Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Art & DT Governor Willow Class Governor
Vacancy Community Governor	Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee or Curriculum & Standards Committee	
Dani Leak Parent Governor	Curriculum & Standards Committee	PSHE & PE Governor EYFS Class Governor

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Would you like to become involved in the development and improvement activities of the school but cannot commit the time to being a Governor? Do you have expertise or skills that would be of value to the school and Governing Body such as Finance, HR, PR, Website or Database design? Or do you feel that you might like to be a Governor in the future but would like an opportunity to 'dip your toe in the water' before making the full commitment?

If any of these scenarios fits your situation we would love to talk to you about the possibility of becoming an Associate member. Please email us on governors@littlehadham.herts.sch.uk, or speak directly with the Headteacher.