

# GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

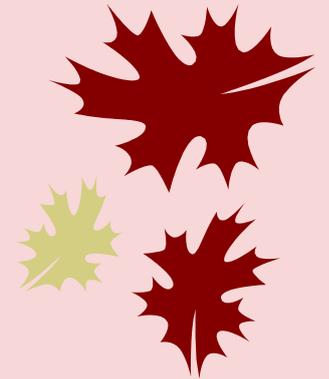
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## Chair's word—Lesley Calder

I'm delighted—and quite a bit relieved—to bring you our first Governor Newsletter. It is the aim of our school's Governing body to improve communication and links between governors, staff, parents and children. Hopefully this newsletter will meet part of this aim and has been on my 'to do' list for a bit too long.

Through this newsletter we plan to share with you who the Governors are and give an overview of what we do. Thank you to all of those parents who were able to give some time to speaking with some of the Governors at the recent Parents Evenings. Your feedback and ideas will be used to guide the content of future Newsletters.

I hope through those discussions you will have seen that we are an approachable and friendly bunch. 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. You can email us on our new dedicated email address, or write to us via the School Office which will forward all letters to us.



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## What is the Role of a Governor?

Governors are a group of volunteers who include parents, staff and members of our local community.

Our main role is to promote ongoing improvements in standards throughout the school.

We help the Headteacher and staff plan the school's long-term direction and we evaluate progress. We help set the school's aims and values and are responsible for some staff appointments, including the head.

Many of our responsibilities carry a statutory requirement. This means we are obliged by law to do things such as agree the annual budget.

Our role is sometimes described as a 'critical friend'. This does not mean that we are there to *criticise* the head or the school. Instead we try to ask useful questions to gain a greater understanding of the school and to foster an ethos of continuous improvement.

## Key Focus Areas for us in 2012/13 and this term?

### 2012/13

- Writing Across the Curriculum
- Marking and Next Steps
- New Ofsted School Inspection Framework
- New Early Years Foundation Stage Framework
- Achieve Equality Award
- Achieve Thinking Schools

A lot of thought and effort is also going into improving the way the Governing Body operates within the school and communicates across the school community. See Pg 3!

### Autumn Term

- School Website redesign to include statutory information
- Staff & Head Teacher Performance Management to comply with new Assessment & Capability Procedures
- Panel training and updates to Exclusions policy & practice to reflect new guidelines

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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 new School Website at [www.littlehadham.herts.sch.uk](http://www.littlehadham.herts.sch.uk).

Name	Committees & Role	Responsibilities & School Links
<b>Lesley Calder</b> 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 Governor
<b>Bev Evans</b> LA Governor	Vice Chair of the Full Governing Body Chair of Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	ICT Governor
<b>Anne Feather</b> Associate Member	Curriculum & Standards Committee	Maths, & PSHE Governor 'Mighty Maths Club' Leader Lime Class Governor
<b>Bradley Chapman</b> Parent Governor	Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Science & Eco Schools Governor
<b>Clare Brown</b> Staff Governor	Curriculum & Standards Committee	Beech Class Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher Designated Child Protection Person Eco Schools
<b>Darian Compton</b> Parent Governor	Clerk for Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Governor CPD & Child Protection Governor EYFS (F1) & Saplings Class Governor 'Friends' PTA Co-Chair
<b>Fiona Whitby</b> LA Governor	Clerk for Curriculum & Standards Committee	Communications and Humanities Governor Beech Class Governor In School Support
<b>Liz Stockley</b> HeadTeacher	Curriculum & Standards Committee Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Inclusion Co-ordinator
<b>Lucy Tweedale</b> Staff Governor	Curriculum & Standards Committee	Maple Class Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher Designated Child Protection Person Staff CPD
<b>Pat Atkinson</b> Community Governor	Curriculum & Standards Committee	Behaviour and Safety, Anti-Bullying & French Governor Willow Class Governor
<b>Patrick Wells</b> Parent Governor	Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Art & DT Governor
<b>Tony Skidmore</b> Community Governor	Finance, Premises & Personnel Committee	Literacy & Music Governor Maple Class Governor
<b>Dani Leak</b> Parent Governor	Curriculum & Standards Committee	PSHE & PE Governor EYFS (F2) & Ash 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 or speak directly with the Headteacher.