



GOVERNORVIEW



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2017

*Your views are extremely important to help us support the school effectively.
Please see the parental feedback section below if you have any comments or concerns.*

Welcome to the first edition of Governor View for this academic year. Many of you are already familiar with our regular newsletter updates and we would like to welcome you back. We extend a particular warm welcome to parents new to the school and extend our invitation to attend as many school functions as you can, including our governor coffee mornings. These will take place once a term and are intended to be a forum where parents can come and have a chat with governors in an informal setting. The governors are committed to being accessible and we would urge you to join us at our coffee mornings or, if that isn't possible, seek us out to make your views known to us as we want to listen.

No pain no gain! After a couple of years of building works, we are now reaping the full reward. Many of you attended our launch event to showcase the new extensions to the school on Saturday, 30th September 2017. We were absolutely delighted with the turnout and the many positive comments. We believe that we have collective responsibilities; governors, staff, pupils and you, as parents, to maintain these stunning, vibrant classrooms, as well as continuing to ensure that the school ethos, even though it is bigger, is fully retained as a caring, safe place to work and learn.

With more space within the school we are now in a position to utilise some of that space for the benefit of the pupils and the community. Some of you will be aware that we are starting 'Before and After School' provision in the near future, which we anticipate will help many parents. The design of the space is such that we can 'ring fence' certain areas within the school to let out to community groups, without any compromise to pupils' work. This is a win-win situation as the school gets some additional income and is able to provide a much-needed local amenity.

In relation to the curriculum and the success of the school, the governors are constantly monitoring progress and developments within the school as well as keeping abreast of the Ofsted requirements. It is our intention this year to publish our strategy for school improvement on the website. This will include the priority objectives, ranging from raising standards and achievements through to quality of leadership and management of the school, along with the relevant success criteria so that we can all understand the direction of travel and do our part to achieve the objectives.

You will have seen from recent communications that we are seeking to elect TWO parent governors. There are currently 9 members of the governing board and we look forward to welcoming the successful candidates to the governing board. All our governors are committed to the school and work tirelessly to provide challenge and support for the staff.

We look forward to a successful academic year and are proud to be associated with Henry Chichele Primary School.

Angela Robinson (Chair of Governors)

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GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

We would like to introduce Co-opted Governor, Zara Thomas.

Where were you born? *Finedon*

What is your occupation? *I run a consultancy business*

Why did you decide to be a **Governor**?

I wanted to volunteer and give back to the community.

What was your favourite toy as a child? *A little teddy called boo*

As a child what did you want to be when you grew up? *A vet*

Name three things you couldn't live without. *Crisps, my family and my phone*

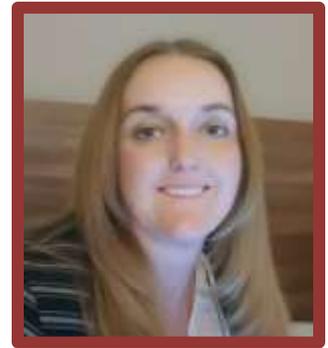
What song always makes you happy when you hear it? *Happy by Pharell (far too obvious I know!)*

What's your favourite television programme? *Peppa Pig (I have a toddler so that's all I ever watch now)*

What's your favourite meal? *Eggs Benedict*

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would buy? *A tea shop*

If you could meet any famous person (dead or alive) who would it be? *Leonardo da Vinci*



DISCUSSIONS OVER COFFEE / PARENTAL FEEDBACK

We must emphasise that the Governors are very interested in the views of the parents. If parents have issues or concerns, they can only be acted upon if they are brought to the attention of the school governing body.

There are a number of ways to do this;

- **Speak first to the class teacher or head teacher**
- **Attend the governor coffee morning, held termly, with a governor present in the Community Room. We appreciate that full time working parents may be unable to attend coffee mornings and so we offer several alternatives**
 - **Speak to a governor, whose names can be seen on the school's website**
www.henrychichele.northants.sch.uk
 - **Feedback via email**
gb@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk



WHO ARE THE GOVERNORS?

Parent Governors:

Naomi Edwards, Vacant Position

Vacant Position

Associate Members:

Claire Griffiths

Dee Newman

LA Governors:

Angela Robinson (Chair)

Staff Governors:

Helen Scott

Stephen McClymont (Head)

Co-opted Governors:

Zara Thomas

Mike Ellson

Stewart Wiles (Vice Chair)

David Farmer

Sean Prosser

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