



GOVERNORVIEW



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 6 – SEPTEMBER 2014

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

Welcome to the first edition of the Henry Chichele Primary School Governor's Newsletter for School year 2014/2015. Our intention is to keep you informed of important school matters. We would be happy to hear from you if you can think of further ways to improve the communication between the school and yourselves.

Who are the Governors?

Parent Governors

Claire Sinfield

Lee Fensom

Steve Keal-Frayne

LA Governors

Roger Knight

Co-opted Governors

Angela Robinson (Chair)

Mike Ellson

Stewart Wiles
(Vice Chair)

Staff Governors

Felicity Dunn

Stephen McClymont
(HEAD)

Associate Members

Claire Griffiths

Jamie Stockham

A WARM WELCOME

To all our new pupils, our new reception parents and our new members of staff

Our huge thanks go to Mr McClymont and all the members of staff:

Over the summer holidays a lot of work has gone on, much of it unseen, getting the school ready for this academic year. This included overseeing the kitchen extension and the installation of the mobile classrooms for years 1 & 2. The Governors would like to formally thank Mr McClymont and the rest of his team for their time, effort and ongoing support in getting all the classes ready for the children. It should be noted that a lot of this work was done with unnecessary pressure being put on the staff by the local authority. It has been a positive start to the year and we commend all those involved in making sure these delays have not affected the children in any way. Thank you all once again!

DISCUSSIONS OVER COFFEE

Want to meet other parents and get to know the governors? Want to have your say?

Why not come and chat to other parents and governors over coffee at our parent coffee mornings held on a Friday once a month in the studio.

Topics from the September coffee morning:

- **Friday morning assemblies –**
Changes are inevitable, nothing will be the same: As we all know recently there have been some major changes in and around the school, which will continue over the next two years. We would like to ask parents to bear with the school during this time. Decisions are made with the best interests of the children and will enable the school to function in a way that the children benefit the most; these decisions are not intended to alienate parents in anyway. The ethos of the school has always been to put the children first and parents will be given ample opportunity to come into school and see how their children are doing.
- **Mobile Classrooms -** Mobile classrooms are now ready for use, see H2H Term 1, Issue 3.
- **Parking -** Parking is being monitored but we request that when possible the use of cars is kept to a minimum.

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 or governing body. There are a number of ways to do this:

- **Speak first to the class teacher or the head teacher,**
- **Attend the parents coffee morning, held every month, with a governor present,**
- **Speak to a governor, whose names and photos can be seen on the school's website:**
www.henrychichele.northants.sch.uk
- **Feedback via email:**
gb@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk



Details of the next coffee morning will be confirmed nearer the time.

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Governor Spotlight – We would like to introduce **Steve Keal-Frayne**, one of our Parent Governors.

Where were you born? Winchester, the ‘old capital city’ of England.

What is your occupation? I run my own company selling personalised promotional products and corporate clothing.

Why did you decide to be a Governor? Having three children at HCPS, I wanted to contribute to theirs and the other children’s future.

What was your favourite toy as a child? Eagle-eyes Action man.

As a child what did you want to be when you grew up?
A physical training instructor or something associated with sport.

Name three things you couldn't live without. Apart from my crutches at the moment, it would be my family, my iPhone and my sense of humour.

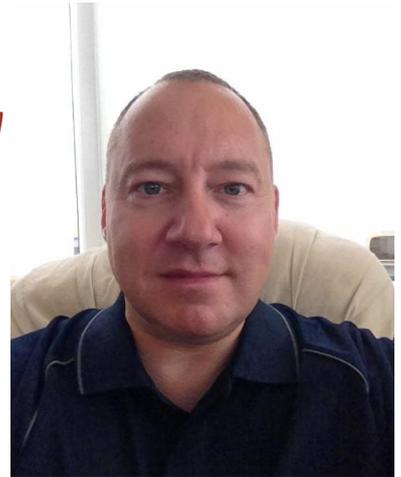
What song always makes you happy when you hear it? Cliff Richard’s, ‘Summer Holiday’.

What's your favourite television programme? Logans Run (or anything Sci-Fi).

What's your favourite meal? Steak and chips with all the trimmings and a nice bottle of red wine.

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would buy? Diamond earrings for my wife.

If you could meet any famous person (dead or alive) who would it be? Leonardo Da Vinci or Richard Branson.



HENRY'S FRIENDS UPDATE

Henry's Friends relies heavily on parents and staff members to help raise additional funds for your school. We are always looking for willing parents to join the Friends committee along with volunteers to help out at Henry's Friends events throughout the year and therefore would like to invite you to our next committee meeting on Wednesday 8th October 2014. If you are interested in helping, please come along.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Henry's Friends

What is on the Governor's Action Plan for 2014/2015?

Current Initiatives

- Bridging the communication gap between governors, parents and staff - ongoing
- Liaising with Local Authority and staff members regarding the extension to the school
- Reviewing and updating existing school policies and procedures
- Ensuring we are prepared for any future Ofsted inspection

Future Initiatives

- Reviewing opportunities for training
- Continually improving our monitoring systems of core subjects
- Attending Henry's Friends and School events
- To have greater visibility in and around school

Any governor related issues can be raised via email to gb@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk

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