



GOVERNORVIEW



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 11 – SPRING/SUMMER 2015

Who are the Governors?

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.

Parent Governors

Claire Sinfield

Lee Fensom

Steve Keal-Frayne

LA Governors

John Mander

Co-opted Governors

Angela Robinson
(Chair)

Mike Ellson

Stewart Wiles
(Vice Chair)

Staff Governors

Stephen McClymont
(Head)

Samantha O'Brien-
Jones

Associate Members

Claire Griffiths

Jamie Stockham

**HAVE A
WONDERFUL
SUMMER BREAK**

**SCHOOL
STARTS AGAIN
ON THURSDAY
3rd SEPTEMBER
2015**

Welcome to the summer edition of the Henry Chichele Primary School Governor's Newsletter. 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.

As another academic year draws to a close I wanted to take this opportunity to give you the governors' perspective on our achievements during the last year and to share with you some of the frustrations we have had to deal with.

Our most important news is that our pupils continue to improve both their attainment and progress, demonstrated through regular assessment and monitoring. The governing body has been part of this monitoring process and is delighted with the way the assessments are conducted and reported. This success must be shared by pupils, parents and staff collectively for all the hard work that has been done to achieve these outcomes. Details of our end of Key Stage 1 & 2 outcomes will be published in September 2015.

Many of you will be aware that there have been some challenges in ensuring stability for some year groups where there have been staff changes. Through careful management by Mr McClymont, with excellent support from the rest of the staff, it is pleasing to see that these year groups have continued to thrive.

Apart from the core subjects there has been a wealth of activity in other areas too such as music, art, drama and sport. You will have followed the many achievements through Henry to Home and the Year 6 production this week was a delight. It showed maturity, professionalism and a sense of humour - we wish these children every success in their new schools.

You will probably have noticed that there has been little to report about the school expansion for the last few months. Following the successful public consultation in January and a series of surveys, the detailed development plans have now been finalised and submitted to the planning department with the hope that construction work can commence early in 2016.

However, the discovery of Great Crested Newts around the pond area has led the ecologists to require an early work package involving removal of the shrubbery at the front of the school, adjacent to the road. This work will take place shortly, and should Great Crested Newts be found in this area, we have been informed that there may well be a delay to the start of construction. Once we are fully aware of the situation we will let you know.

For the next academic year there are yet more new challenges to face – further changes to the national curriculum with new threshold targets, a new approach to assessing pupil attainment and progress, as well as managing the school extension. The latter is not just about ensuring that the buildings will meet our growing needs, but that the safe operation of the school can continue smoothly throughout the construction. We would ask you to continue to be patient for news and to work with us so that, within a couple of years, we can all celebrate a wonderful new environment in which our children will flourish and excel.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy summer holiday and look forward to those of us returning in September, refreshed and ready to move forward into what will be an exciting, but demanding new school year.

Angela Robinson – Chair of Governors

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DISCUSSIONS OVER COFFEE

During the 2014/2015 academic year, school Governors and members of Henry's Friends have given up their own time to run the coffee mornings as a place for parents to meet and discuss a number of subjects involving the school and the surrounding community. Some parents have used this opportunity to inform the school of issues or concerns they have and we feel that this has had a positive influence on the communication between the parents and the school and vice versa.

However we have also seen a reduction in the amount of parents attending the coffee mornings and have therefore decided to reduce the number of coffee mornings to three times in the new school year, these will be held on the 2nd week of terms 2, 4 and 6.

We appreciate that full time working parents have been unable to attend our coffee mornings and so we offer several alternative ways for you to contact the Governors or members of staff should you need to. Please see Parental Feedback panel to the right.

What is on the Governors' Action Plan for 2015/2016?

Current Initiatives

- Bridging the communication gap between governors, parents and staff - ongoing
- Members of the School expansion working party
- Reviewing and updating existing school policies and procedures
- Attending training courses to enable all governors to be more effective

Future Initiatives

- Reviewing opportunities for training
- Continually improving our monitoring systems of core subjects
- Attend Henry's Friends and School events
- To have greater visibility in and around the school
- Ensuring we are prepared for any future Ofsted inspection

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



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



HENRY'S FRIENDS UPDATE

The members of Henry's Friends have been very busy this year doing lots of fun things to raise money for the school. The success of Henry's Friends depends entirely on the support of all parents, staff and the wider community.

Just a reminder of some of the events that have taken place:

Christmas Fair
Valentines Disco
Coin Challenge
Sponsored Bounce

Beetle Drive
Film Night
Bingo Evening
Summer Disco

Thank you to all those who took part in any of the above events and helped raise money to purchase items that government funding doesn't cover, your help and support is very much appreciated.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday, October 7th from 7.30pm in the Studio. If you would like to get involved or just find out a little more about us and what we do, please do come along!

Thank you again for your continued support.

Henry's Friends

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