



# GOVERNORVIEW



## NEWSLETTER ISSUE 12 – AUTUMN 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

Naomi Edwards

Steve Keal-Frayne

#### LA Governors

Angela Robinson  
(Chair)

#### Co-opted Governors

Mike Ellson

Stewart Wiles  
(Vice Chair)

**\*\*Vacancy\*\***

#### Staff Governors

Samantha O'Brien-  
Jones

Stephen McClymont  
(Head)

#### Associate Members

Claire Griffiths

Jamie Stockham

Welcome to the autumn 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.

Welcome to the first edition of Governor View for this academic year. Many of you will have seen this newsletter before so we would like to welcome you back and assure you that this is the first of many that you will receive during the coming year. We would like to extend a particular welcome to parents who are new to the school and to invite you to attend as many functions as you can, including our governor coffee mornings. These will take place once a full 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 attend our informal gatherings or, if that isn't possible, seek us out to make your views known to us as we want to listen.

You will know that we are on the brink of significant changes for the school. Our latest information is that we are on schedule to commence the first phase of building our school extension early in 2016 and it should be completed in readiness for the start of the next academic year. Both staff and governors are working hard behind the scenes to ensure that everything is in place to facilitate the smooth running of the school while there are construction workers on site. This may mean some early changes to day to day routines so look out for and read carefully, specific information that may affect you and your family. Our primary concern is the safety and continuing education of our children.

We have made much progress to enhance the school environment, at the same time as reinforcing our aims and values, in line with our mission statement "Everyone working together for life-long learning". However, this will always be a work in progress and it involves staff, governors and you, as parents, as we strive together to maintain the ethos of the school.

On the curriculum front we know that many of you have taken advantage of the presentations by staff about "Life without Levels". We were very encouraged by the interest shown by parents and hope that we can work together to increase everyone's understanding of how our children's attainment and progress will be monitored in the future. Please see the school's website for more information.

You will have seen from recent communications that we have recruited a new parent governor, Naomi Edwards. We extend a very warm welcome to the governing body. There are currently 7 members of the governing body with a vacancy for a co-opted member. 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.

**Angela Robinson on behalf of the Governing Body**

### URGENT!

Henry's Friends  
Need You!



See Henry's  
Friends Update

*"Everyone working together for life-long learning"*

*Resilience Reflection Resourceful Risk takers Relationships*

Dear Families and Friends,

I would like to invite you to celebrate the success the school has had with its outcomes which have been reported for the academic year 2014-15. We have now received data from the DfE, which confirms school evaluations of our outcomes.

We understand that the national level for pupils achieving expectations; in reading, writing and maths by the time they leave Year 6, were narrowly missed by our Local Authority overall. However, as an individual school we are above the national expectation. Achieving this means that we have sustained our high outcomes and on this occasion made the best progress since the school opened.

This reflects the hard work of staff, pupils, families and governors.

Governors held the school to account throughout the year to ensure that across the school, pupils were making the right levels of progress.

Families showed great support for our rewards systems, whole school/class curricular days, homework, visits and community events.

Henry's Friends held a number of fund raising activities throughout the year. Funds raised supported different projects which have maintained or increased the opportunities given to our pupils.

It is clear to see that as a community we have become stronger at working together and this is contributing significantly to our success.

Thank you all very kindly.

Mr S McClymont

## DISCUSSIONS OVER COFFEE

Parent coffee mornings will resume on Friday mornings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of terms 2, 4 and 6.

**Want to meet other parents and get to know the governors better?**

*Would you like to meet other parents from the school or from your own children's class and get to know the governors better?*

**Want to have your say?** *Do you want to praise the school or raise concerns in a friendly atmosphere with other like-minded people?*

*These informal chats are a great way to get to know other parents, members of Henry's Friends and the governors.*

**We want to know your thoughts on the school and welcome you to drop in for a cuppa.**

*We appreciate that full time working parents may be 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.*

**Dates of future coffee mornings, starting at 9:00am:**

November 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 | March 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 | June 17<sup>th</sup> 2016

## 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 can be seen on the school's website:**  
[www.henrychichele.northants.sch.uk](http://www.henrychichele.northants.sch.uk)
- **Feedback via email:**  
[gb@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk](mailto:gb@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk)



**Keep an eye out for the Coffee Morning Flag!**



Any governor related issues can be raised via email to [gb@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk](mailto:gb@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk)



# HENRY'S FRIENDS UPDATE

**\*\*We need help with the Autumn Disco 12/11/15. Please get in touch if you can help! \*\***

Henry's Friends relies heavily on parents, guardians and staff members to help raise additional funds for our school. We are always looking for willing parents to join the Friends committee along with kind volunteers to help out at other Henry's Friends events throughout the year.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Henry's Friends

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