



GOVERNORVIEW



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 7 – October 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 latest edition of the Henry Chichele Primary School Governors' 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

**November
Coffee
Morning**

**Friday 14th
November
@ 9:00am**

Letter from the new Chair of Governors, Angela Robinson

I would like to introduce myself as the newly appointed Chair of the Governing Body for our school. Many of you will have seen some information about me in the Governor Spotlight published in Governor View during last year. However, that was a light-hearted view and I wanted to take this opportunity of being serious and expressing how committed I am to the role I have taken on.

Over the last 18 years I have run my own company in a professional field. In 2012, I was looking to expand my interests by developing a portfolio of part-time activities. This was with a view to reducing my daily involvement in a demanding business, moving towards full retirement in a few years' time. Hence the role of School Governor at HCPS was ideal. It provided me with a new interest and an outlet for my skills, enabling me to use my many years' experience and give commitment to a worthwhile cause, and in particular make a contribution to my local community. Although I don't live in Higham Ferrers (I live in Finedon), I have already learned a great deal and my local knowledge continues to grow.

Our parents, the staff and the governing body have a single aim – to provide the best possible education and school experience for the children while they are at HCPS. Our mission statement "Everyone working together for life-long learning" took some time to evolve into a succinct phrase which captured the essence of what we all want our school to provide. I hope you agree that we are making excellent progress in achieving our aim but we will not be complacent, we will continue to strive for more excellence, pushing boundaries where necessary and embracing, rather than fighting, change.

You will all be aware that the school faces many challenges as we grow from a one form entry to a two form entry school over the next few years. This will expand our school roll from around 200 to more than 400. We are adamant, however, that we will maintain the ethos of the school as it currently stands.

As a member of the governing body, each governor has undertaken a specific role in ensuring that the school is well led and managed with a view to providing an outstanding educational experience for all its children. The governors are accessible to any interested parties and I 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 are listening".

Finally I would like to say an enormous thank you to our former Chair, Roger Knight, for his long and dedicated service to the school. He will be a hard act to follow!

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DISCUSSIONS OVER COFFEE

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

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?*

Then 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 October coffee morning included:

- **Internet based training modules:** *Questions were raised as to whether the school would consider internet based training modules like MyMaths and Bug Club to be integrated into the school curriculum.*
- **Proposed extension to HCPS:** *Parents were given an opportunity to see the proposed plans for the extension of the school. All present thought they looked good.*
- **Future dates for the coffee mornings, starting at 9:00am**

2014

November 14th (Next week)
December 12th



2015

January 16th
February 13th
March 13th
April 17th
May 8th
June 12th
July 10th

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



Keep an eye out for the Coffee Morning Flag!



HENRY'S FRIENDS UPDATE

Henry's Friends is a collaboration between parents and staff whose sole aim is to raise money to purchase items that government funding doesn't cover. The success of Henry's Friends depends entirely on the support of all parents, staff and the wider community.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Henry's Friends

What is on the Governors' 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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