



# GOVERNORVIEW



## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2017

### **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**

Zara Thomas

Mike Ellson

Stewart Wiles  
(Vice Chair)

David Farmer

Sean Prosser

#### **Staff Governors**

Helen Scott

Stephen McClymont  
(Head)

#### **Associate Members**

Claire Griffiths

Dee Newman

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 this edition of Governor View. It is some time since we published the previous issue and as we are half way through the academic year it is a good opportunity to reflect on the achievements since last September and to look forward to the second half of the year. Personally I enjoyed all the school Christmas events and was left in little doubt that the children did too!

You are likely to have been keeping abreast of construction developments through the blog on the school website. And at last we have taken possession of the rear extension. By the time you read this some of you will have had the chance to have a sneak preview of the new classrooms. We are pleased with the finished result despite the inevitable snagging issues and all the pain that we have gone through to get to this point. And of course, we haven't finished yet. The front extension is progressing and we all look forward to a construction free site in the summer. We also hope that, in due course when all the building is complete and workmen have gone, all of you will have the opportunity to view the new rooms as we are planning to hold a grand opening event later in the year.

As we are getting to grips with the new methods for measuring national standards, we are continuing to monitor pupils' progress and attainment on a regular basis and to engage with the school's staff to ensure that each child is given the best opportunities to support their learning. As I have said before, with your help we want to drive progress forward. So if you have any concerns about your child's progress then let the class teacher know straight away so that action can be taken.

As the school is growing, the governors felt it appropriate to expand our governing body and therefore I am pleased to announce that we are recruiting two new members. Having undertaken our annual skills audit we are confident that your governing body is well equipped to deal with future challenges. Profiles of new governors will continue to be published in future editions of Governor View so that all governors are recognisable, and therefore accessible, to the school community. We are currently undertaking a review of Multi Academy Trusts – what they are, how they operate, and to evaluate the benefits - so that, if and when a decision is appropriate, the governing body is well informed.

Some of you may have noticed that our governor coffee mornings have been curtailed. This is due to the construction work and lack of available space within the school at present but rest assured we will be restarting them just as soon as we can. However, in the meantime, if there is anything you would like to raise then please let me know.

Angela Robinson (Chair of Governors)

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## Governor Spotlight – We would like to introduce our newest Governor **David Farmer**

Where were you born? *Nuneaton*

What is your occupation? *Solicitor for Wilson Browne*

Why did you decide to be a Governor *Good to do something different to the day job and try to help the local community*

What was your favourite toy as a child? *My Raleigh Commando bike- I went everywhere on it!*

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

Name three things you couldn't live without. *Sunshine, my friends/family and Leicester City Football Club*

What song always makes you happy when you hear it? *Mr Blue Sky – ELO*

What's your favourite television programme? *Dr Who*

What's your favourite meal? *A good curry with a pint of Kingfisher Lager*

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would buy? *I won £10 last year and brought another ticket!*

If you could meet any famous person (dead or alive) who would it be? *Stephen Hawking*



### DISCUSSIONS OVER COFFEE

Our coffee mornings are on hold at the moment due to the construction work and lack of space. We will be continuing them as soon as we can but if you do have any concerns please contact us in the usual way.

In the meantime why not visit the website to view the new areas of the school and keep up to date with the construction progress.

[www.henrychichele.northants.sch.uk](http://www.henrychichele.northants.sch.uk)

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.



### 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 termly, 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](http://www.henrychichele.northants.sch.uk)
- **Feedback via email:**  
[gb@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk](mailto:gb@henrychichele.northants.sch.uk)

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

Henry's Friends are busy discussing lots of exciting fundraising ideas. These include a summer fair and the annual coin challenge.

The summer fair will be held on Saturday 15th July 12noon to 3pm. As usual an event like this cannot go ahead without parent help. If you think you would be able to help set up, run a stall and/or tidy up please let a member of the committee or school know. You can always help in other ways as well. Does your company provide match funding, could you donate prizes for stalls, do you have any ideas? If so please let us know. You can contact us through the school office.

Henry's Friends

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