



# GOVERNORVIEW



## NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2017

*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.*

### WHO ARE THE GOVERNORS?

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.

#### 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

The 2016/2017 academic year is nearly over and it is an opportunity to both look back at what we have done, and ahead at what we want to do. This covers all aspects of school life, from attainment and progress in the classroom to extra curricula and social activities. One thing is certain, our pupils embrace life to the full and there is always something going on!

At this time last year, we talked about the changes to the national curriculum and the approach to assessing pupil attainment and progress – life without levels. We are confident that the new approach is being embedded and our feedback shows that our parents are happy with the information they receive from the school about their child's progress. However, the challenges are not over. The Department of Education continues its push to drive standards up and that means that none of us can be complacent.

Standards can perhaps be applied in other aspects of life, for example how we dress. After some deliberation and consultation with pupils, we are delighted that Key Stage 2 children will be wearing a new uniform from September 2017. The children are very excited about wearing a shirt and tie and we are confident that they will look very smart and reflect our high standards.

We are getting excited at the prospect of the building contractors finishing their work and the school having another four classrooms and offices to enhance the overall environment. As we promised in our last edition of Governor View, **we are planning an Open Morning for all parents, pupils and the local community to showcase our new facilities. This will take place on Saturday 30th September 2017 between 10:00 and 13:00, so please put the date in the diary.**

We will be welcoming new Reception pupils in September with the revised induction process which we hope will facilitate a smooth and more speedy integration into full time attendance at school. **We will also be looking ahead to recruit the following year's Reception intake and there will be a Prospective Parent Open Day on Friday 6th October 2017 from 9:30 to 11:30 so please spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested.**

Two of our governors have completed their term of office, Steve Keal-Frayne and Claire Sinfield and we would like to thank them for their contribution to the governing body over the last four years. This means that we will be recruiting two new governors in the autumn. Our investigations into Multi Academy Trusts are continuing with no decisions made as yet, but we will keep you informed.

Finally, I would like to wish the Year 6 pupils good luck for the future and I hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to meeting many of you at our Governor Coffee mornings which we hope to re-establish during next term.

**Angela Robinson (Chair of Governors)**

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*Resilience Reflection Resourceful Risk takers Relationships*

## GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

We would like to introduce our newest Co-opted Governor, Sean Prosser.

Where were you born? *Sunderland*

What is your occupation? *Performance Analyst/Accountant*

Why did you decide to be a Governor

I moved into a house just down the road in October 2016 and wanted to get involved in the community.

What was your favourite toy as a child? *Tracey Island from Thunderbirds*

As a child what did you want to be when you grew up? *Cricketer*

Name three things you couldn't live without.

*iPod, DVD collection and my glasses (I'm blind as a bat without them!)*

What song always makes you happy when you hear it? *Hunstanton Pier by Deaf Havana*

What's your favourite television programme? *Line of Duty*

What's your favourite meal? *Veggie burritos*

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would buy? *A restaurant*

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



## 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.*



Keep an eye out for the Coffee Morning Flag!



## 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)



## HENRY'S FRIENDS UPDATE

### Coin challenge

A big thank you to all the children who took part in the coin challenge. Rockingham were the winners with 10 lines. **A fantastic total of £349 was raised.**

### 2km Sponsored Event

This event was an amazing success and all the children received a medal and a well-earned ice pole upon finishing. **An amazing £1200 was raised by 46 families.** Thank you to everyone who took part.

### Summer Fair

Thank you to all parents and staff who helped at the Summer Fair and a big thank you to everyone who came and supported the event.

### Henry's Friends

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