



Governors' Newsletter

Spring 2009

Welcome to the Spring 2009 School Governors' Newsletter.

Who are we?

NAME	Type of Governor	Link Governor Role
Stephen Bishop	Parent	Inclusion Link/ Class Link - Yr R (LMcN)
Deborah Brown	Community	Foundation Stage Link/ Class Link - Yr R (NC)
Jannette Carter	Staff	PTA
Helena Catt	Staff	
Pete Chambers	Parent	Sports Hall
Katherine Collins	Parent	Class Link - Yr 1 (NP/SY) Link
Steve Cook	Local Authority	Forest Schools/ School Council Link/ Class Link - Yr 2 (SB)
Philip Dodson	Parent	Class Link - Yr R/1 (KM/AW)
Richard Jarrold	Parent/ Vice Chair	Teaching and Learning Link
Carly Laxon	Local Authority	Class Link - Yr 2 (JL)
Jacqui Mackay	Local Authority	Forest Schools/ Class Link -Yr 1 (LW)
Catriona Milne	Parent/ Chairperson	Inclusion Link/ Class Link - Yr 1 (GH)
Teresa Moseley	Community	Class Link - Yr R/1 (SW/NP)
Vera Pepperell	Community	Class Link - Yr 2 (DW)
Lucinda Poliakoff	Local Authority	Child Protection/ Class Link - Yr 2 (MB)
Sue Walters	Staff	
Toby Whalen	Parent	Education Visits/ Child Protection

Welcome to our newest governors:

Deborah Brown – Community Governor.
 Sue Walters – Staff Governor
 Jacqui Mackay – Local Authority Governor
 Carly Laxon – Local Authority Governor

How can you contact us?

Please feel free to approach us at any time if there is an issue you would like to raise. You can also leave a message at the school office or in our pigeonhole (which is located next to the staff room) and we will be in touch as soon as possible.

Please visit our page on the Recreation Road website:

<http://www.recreationroad.com/pages/category/school-news/governors/>

What have we been involved with?

Improvements to the entrance have been scheduled for the summer. We hope to provide a multiple use meeting room (which can be utilised by visits from nurses, parents, staff etc). We also have plans to upgrade the toilets, and will be looking into this in more depth over the coming months.

We have also been looking at ways to monitor and evaluate the new learning approaches being developed at the school. Many of these developments are highly innovative and we want to be able to look at each and ascertain their impact on pupil progress. Initiatives that will be looked at first include Tiger Team - which aims to improve the fine motor skills of Reception children – and Numicon - a resource designed to give children the understanding of number ideas and number relationships that is essential for success in maths. We'll also be looking closely at the schools more established enquiry based approach to learning, the impact of the innovative use of Drama and specifically the Mantle of the Expert approach. As an integral part of this research we will be seeking the views of pupils, teachers and parents.

We are also working towards a safer site; this has been a source of ongoing concern to the Governors and we have been discussing a number of initiatives. The Premises Committee will monitor the impact of our increased use of Broadland Security for night checks on the site, and we will soon see the installation of an "Instant Hedge" along part of the Recreation Road fence. Thank you to the parents who have raised their concerns. We would also like to emphasise to parents that when they are at the school at any time other than normal drop-off and pick-ups, they must report to the Main Office. This includes parent helpers (who should sign in and wear a visitor's tag) and any late drop-offs or early collections of children.

How can you help us?

Can you spare a few minutes?

The Governing Body needs your help to collect together views of our school. We have put together a survey, which you can complete on-line, via the link on the front page of the school's website (www.recreationroad.com). It'll only take a couple of minutes and provides you with the opportunity to let us know your views, and your child's views, about the school.

Paper copies of the survey can also be collected and returned via the school office. We value your feedback – thanks for your time!

Further information:

<http://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/index.cfm>

<http://www.governornet.co.uk/>