



HASELWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS 2020

Welcome to the Christmas edition of Haselworth School Governors' Newsletter. As we are all too aware, this calendar year has been like no other with normal school life being disrupted from March through until the end of the summer term. During this time, Mrs Jones and her staff have done an amazing job in welcoming children into school under difficult circumstances. Since the start of the autumn term, an enormous amount of work has been done to ensure that the school is a safe environment to welcome back all of the children and resume teaching with a recovery curriculum.

Governing Body News

Our Governing Body is made up of the Headteacher, a Staff Governor, Parent Governors, Co-opted Governors and a Local Authority Governor. Each have different responsibilities but work in Committees which cover Resources (finance, premises etc.), Curriculum and a Pay Committee. Safeguarding and achievement run through everything we do, as we try to ensure that every pupil feels safe and is given the opportunity to achieve the very best they can.

The governors too have had to get used to working in a different way this year, holding committee meetings and meetings with school staff by videoconference, and this is likely to continue into the New Year. Despite this, all of the normal work of the Governing Body has been completed this term, including:

- Safeguarding training
- Health & Safety monitoring
- Performance management for the Headteacher
- Approving pay recommendations
- Completing a safeguarding audit
- Approving the revised school budget
- Subject monitoring visits

Major tasks for the spring & summer terms are:

- Whole Governing Body training (Safeguarding)
- Monitoring & evaluation (e.g. Safeguarding, Pupil Premium & link subject visits)
- Review school performance data
- Review progress against the equality objectives
- Approve the Schools Financial Value Statement
- Approve budget & 3 year plans
- Review staffing structure
- Review and approve all relevant policies.



We have had some changes in the Governing Body during this year and we are pleased to welcome Catherine House & Greg Whates as Parent Governors. Also, during this year the following governors left us:

Melvin Piper

Kate Powell

Nikki Cameron

Our thanks to them for the contributions they made during their tenure at the school.

Current Haselworth Governors:

Natasha Jones (Headteacher)

Sian Hosmer (Staff Governor)

Chris Roast (Chair of Governors, Safeguarding, Pupil Premium & English Link Governor)

Philip Bleckly (Local Authority Governor, Health & Safety Governor)

Alison Allsopp (Co-opted Governor, Curriculum Link Governor)

Sarah Woods (Co-opted Governor, Science Link Governor)

David Williams (Co-opted Governor, Maths Link Governor)

Julie Millard (Co-opted Governor, SEN Governor)

Catherine House (Parent Governor)

Greg Whates (Parent Governor)

Finally, as Christmas approaches, we would like to say a huge thank you to parents for your support during these trying times. This year has been a tough one for us all and we certainly need the distraction of Christmas more than ever this year. Please make sure that as you enjoy the festivities, that you all stay as safe as possible during this holiday period.

On behalf of the Governing Body may I wish you and your families

"A very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year"

Chris Roast

Chair of Governors

