

# Harvey Road Primary School Governing Body Newsletter Spring Term 2016



Welcome to this Governing Body newsletter, the purpose of which is to keep parents informed regarding the activities of the school's Governing Body.

## Who are the Governors?

### Parent Governors

- 1 Belinda White
- 2 Jan Cameron
- 3 Lee Fitzgerald

### Parent Governors

*are elected to represent the parents. Parent Governors are elected to represent for a 4 year term.*

### Co-opted

- 4 Ruth Precey
- 5 Rev Miriam Mugan (Chair)
- 6 Tom Farrar
- 7 Richard Doughty
- 8 Rupinder Ahluwalia

**Co-opted Governors**  
*are invited onto the Governing Body.*

### Staff

- 9 Nick Rowlands  
(Headteacher)

**Staff Governors** *are voted by the staff of the school and include the Headteacher.*

### Clerk to the Governors

Jill Steward

### Associate Member

Tony Price

## Committees

The school Governing Body acts as a whole and also consists of sub-committees that deal with specific areas of the school. At Harvey Road we have a Resources Committee that deals with the school premises, budget and finances. We also have a School Improvements Committee that deals with teaching standards, curriculum and performance review of the whole school. The committees are made of the following members.

Resources	School Improvement
Belinda White (Chair)	Richard Doughty (Chair)
Lee Fitzgerald (Vice Chair)	Jan Cameron (Vice Chair)
Tom Farrar	Miriam Mugan
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Nick Rowlands	Nick Rowlands
Tony Price (Associate member)	Ruth Precey

## Projects

Each year the Governing Body identifies specific projects that are either focuses within the School Development Plan or are required to enhance the overall school. Each of these projects is discussed between the Governors and a lead Governor takes on the management of each project. The lead Governor will generally have relevant expertise or training of that particular project.

### Current Projects include:

- Literacy and the New Curriculum
- Food and Technology
- School Brochure
- Shining Stars
- Breakfast Club
- ICT
- Sports Partnership
- Equality & Diversity
- Phonics
- SEND and Pupil Premium
- Newsletter
- Information Sharing



### **Governor Badge**

The children recently designed a badge for us to wear when in school so they can get know who we are. Well done Ella in year 6 for your design.



### **How to contact us**

This newsletter is a new approach to keep you informed about the Governors' work and we are keen to receive your views and opinions. Is there anything you would like to know more about? Have you ideas you would like the Governing Body to consider? Then please get in touch!

You can contact the Governors by writing or emailing us via the school office. We may first discuss matters with the Head Teacher and the Chair of Governors before issues are considered by the full Governing Body.

Please consider: Parent Governors serve on the Governing Body as representative parents and not as the parents' delegate. Therefore while we want to be aware of the views and ideas of parents in general, parent governors are not expected to seek parents' approvals for their actions.

If you want to discuss your child's education then your first point of contact is with your child's class teacher. You may also choose to contact the Head Teacher initially about other matters.

The school has a complaints procedure, details of which can be obtained from the school office.

### **Governor Link visits**

As part of their projects and general duties the school Governors undertake various visits to the school. Recent Governor visits have taken place for the following reasons:

The school held a Governors open day on the 26th February where there was a forum for the school staff to talk to the Governors and for the Governors to meet with the pupils. The Governors also assisted within some of the lessons to interact with the pupils and teachers and get first-hand experience of how the school delivers the curriculum.

The Governors attended a school review inspection on the 26th January where they were challenged on the day to day operation of the school and its performance by an Ofsted inspector.

The Governing body also undertook training on the 8th March for the preparation for an Ofsted inspection.

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### **Governor Vacancies**

Within the current Governing body there is a requirement for the following Governors.

There is a current vacancy for a staff Governor and for two Co-opted Governors. If you are interested or know of anyone interested in these roles then please do not hesitate to contact the school office for further details

The Governors are pleased to welcome Rupinder Ahluwalia to the board as a new co-opted Governor. Rupinder is a qualified teacher and an inclusion leader. She brings with her some valuable experience.

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### **Recent Governors' Meetings**

Committee meetings were held at this start of this year.

The Resources committee met on the 13th January. Matters discussed at the meeting included a review of the school's budget report and half-year accounts' reports, project progress and reports, agreement of policy updates, premises and general health and safety matters.

The School Improvement committee met on the 3rd February. Matters discussed at the meeting included the School Development Plan, Teaching and Learning policy, Pupil Premium, Project progress and reports, agreement of policy updates, Outcome and action from the school review and Governor Vacancies.



### **Governor Profile**

Each term we will be bringing you a light hearted insight to one of our Governors with a short Q&A about themselves. This term we present Rev Miriam Mugan who is the Chair of the Governing Body.

What is your connection to Harvey Road School?

I am a Community Governor/Chair of Governors

What is your favorite thing about HRS?

The happy atmosphere of the school, happy children and dedicated staff.

How long have you been a Governor of HRS?

8 years

What is your favourite place in Croxley Green?

All Saints' Church followed by Croxley Woods

What is your favourite story book?

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis

What are your favourite hobbies?

Walking and singing

What is your favourite season and why?

I love all of the seasons, for because each of them are so significant and beautiful.

What is your favourite film?

Suffragette

### **Forthcoming Governor Events**

Another open day has been scheduled for the new term on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May following the positive feedback from the recent open day.

At future parent consultation evenings Governors will be on hand during the evening to meet with parents. We can discuss current and future projects as well as obtain general feedback on how the school is performing.

### **And finally...**

May we take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Easter break.

The Governors and all of the school staff are dedicated to ensuring that all our children are safe, well supported, achieve their potential and enjoy school. If you have any concerns, or if you have something which you are pleased about, then let us know. The Governors and the school welcome your comments and suggestions, and your feedback is extremely important to us.

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