



Spixworth Infant School



Learning together, Achieving together
Our aim is to enable every child to Shine

Governors Newsletter September 2017

Dear parents and carers,

We welcome both new and existing families to the school. From walking round the classes, the children certainly seem to have settled in well.

The full governing body had their first meeting of this academic year on 25 September, where roles and responsibilities were formalised and I am honoured once more to have been appointed as chair of governors.

Our vice chair, Kate took the decision to resign from the governing body. We thank Kate for her work and commitment to the school and wish her all the best for the future.

Alison has taken on the role of vice chair and I am also delighted to welcome Neil Campbell and Kerry Goodhew to the governing body.

A full list of the governors and their roles is available on the governance section of the school website.

The governing body have approved the updates to the school improvement development plan.(SIDP) Now in it's third year, this lengthy document sets out our short term plan to achieve our long term vision. Each governor is responsible for an area of the SIDP and regularly monitors this within school. The full document is available on the school website however attached is a single page summary.

We also agreed the school attendance target for this academic year at 96%, as proposed in the September 2017 headteacher's Bulletin. We hope all our families will work with us in bringing our attendance in line with the national expectation.

Minutes of all meetings are available, on request, from the school office.

Angela Eastick, Chair of Governors

Parent Governor

Thank you to everyone who made contact with me in connection with the parent governor vacancy.

I am delighted to welcome Matt Ward to the governing body as the new parent governor.

Matt joins us as an actuary with a wide range of experience in finance, risk assessment and IT. His eldest child started in Beech class in September. Matt has a broad range of interests including cycling, reading non-fiction books and playing the guitar

Communication

The Governors are very much committed to the success of the school and committed to supporting the children and families.

Communication is a focus for the Governors and we are always keen to make improvements and explore communication options to make sure both children and parents feel supported and communicated with.

We look forward to sharing further developments in this area with you soon.

Governor vacancies

We have 3 vacancies on the Governing Body.

Whilst we are looking for people to join us who have specific skills (legal or premises, health & safety), we would be delighted to hear from anyone who shares our interest in the performance and direction of the school with the motivation, desire and willingness to contribute to the strategic management of the school.

Please contact me for further information.

Governor Monitoring Day

The governing body will be holding a governor monitoring day on Friday 17 November.

The plan is that all governors will be in school for the entire day. This will enable us to see the school at work and will give us an opportunity to gain first hand information to effectively monitor the progress and performance of the school as well as evaluate our own impact on the school.

Parental feedback is an important factor in the decisions made by the governing body. Therefore, as part of the day, we would like to invite any parents or carers who may have a question for the governing body, or has any feedback or concerns they wish to raise, to come to school at 2.45pm, where a governor will be available to meet with you.

Who are we?

Scott Wilkinson, Parent Governor



I joined the governing body in February 2015 after seeing a vacancy in the governors newsletter. I was keen to take an active role in supporting the school as both my children attended. My current areas of focus are values & aims and Partnerships, governors, parents & the community. In practice this means ensuring we are giving our children the right mindsets to take advantage of the opportunities available to them, increasing communication methods and extending family and community events.

Neil Campbell, Co-opted governor



I joined the governing body to help support the school. My areas of responsibility are Outcomes, attainment, progress & aspirations as well as the link governor for the EYFS. I am currently an adviser for Norfolk County Council Intervention and Inspection Service, supporting schools to make rapid improvements and ensure the best outcomes for children. Although I trained as a secondary music teacher, I now work across all phases in education. I have a six year old son who is in year 2 and I am excited to serve as a governor. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, serving at church, playing piano and running.

Name	Role	Name	Role
Angela Eastick	Co-opted Governor Chair of Governors	Neil Campbell	Co-opted Governor
		Kerry Goodhew	Co-opted Governor
Alison Corfield	Co-opted Governor Vice Chair	Matt Ward	Parent Governor
Heidi Jordan	Head teacher	More information regarding the governing body can be found on the school website - http://www.spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk/governance/governing-body/	
Juliette Kidd	Staff Governor	Angela Eastick, Chair of Governors - chairofgov@spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk	
Scott Wilkinson	Parent Governor		

