



Spixworth Infant School



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

Governors Newsletter December 2017

Dear parents and carers,

The governor monitoring day took place on Friday 17 November. Governors were in school all day, seeing the school at work, and gaining first hand information to effectively monitor the progress and performance of the school as well as evaluate our own impact on the school.

Learning walks were completed in all classrooms and we spoke to staff about a range of matters, including wellbeing, training and communication.

What was evident throughout the day from watching the children work together, supporting and encouraging their peers and listening to their conversations was that they have really embraced the schools core values and their own learning policy around growth mindset.

The children in the early years classrooms (Beech and Oak class) were making full use of the newly erected canopy, enabling them to take their learning outside, whatever the weather!

All feedback was collated and presented at the full governing body meeting on 30 November. Minutes of which are available, on request, from the school office.

I am sure the children, and staff, are ready for a well earned break and so I would like to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back to school in the new year.

Angela Eastick, Chair of Governors

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who has returned the completed parent questionnaires, these will be collated over the Christmas break and an overview of the responses and some of the actions we intend to make as a result will be sent out with the Headteachers' Bulletin in the new year.

Your feedback really is an important factor in the decisions we make. Therefore, if you have not yet returned a completed questionnaire, please return these to the school office before the end of term.

Governor appointments and resignations

Our vice chair, Alison has unfortunately had to step down from the governing body. We thank Alison for her work and commitment to the school and wish her all the best for the future.

Matt, our new parent governor, has been elected as the new vice chair and roles and responsibilities have been reallocated. A full list of the governors and their roles is available on the governance section of the school website.

Governor vacancies

We now have 4 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.

Friends & Governors Coffee Mornings 2018

The Governors hold termly coffee mornings, giving parents an opportunity to come and ask any questions they may have, share any comments and feedback with us and find out more about our role at the school. This year, we are delighted that the Friends of Spixworth Infant School have offered to support these coffee mornings serving hot and cold drinks and providing biscuits or other baked goods for a small charge as part of their fundraising. The dates of the next coffee mornings are below. Please put them in your diary and come and meet us.

Wednesday 10 January - Friends & Governors coffee morning 9—9.30am

Wednesday 18 April—Friends & Governors coffee mornings 9—9.30am

Who are we?



Kerry Goodhew, Co-opted governor

I joined the governing body in September 2017 after vacancies were advertised in a letter home. My area of responsibility within the governing body is curriculum as well as being the core subject (english, maths and science) link Governor. I really enjoy getting involved in school life and events and helping out as much as I can. My eldest child left Spixworth Infant School in July 2016, my middle child has just started Reception, in Oak class, and my youngest is at Stepping Stones Day Nursery and will start school in September 2019. I have been a secondary school science teacher for 14 years and have also worked for an exam board for 6 years, so I'm hoping that my skills and experience in education and assessment will bring many benefits to the governing body and the school.



Matt Ward, Parent Governor

I recently joined the governing body as the newly appointed parent governor. My roles include Outcomes, attainment, progress and aspirations as well as premises, health and safety. I am a qualified Actuary at Aviva with a wide range of experience in finance, risk management and IT. Outside of work, I have a broad range of interests including playing the guitar, watching sport, reading non-fiction books and cycling. My eldest son started in reception, in Beech Class, in 2017 and I have a younger son at Stepping Stones Day Nursery.

Name	Role	Name	Role
Angela Eastick	Co-opted Governor Chair of Governors	Neil Campbell	Co-opted Governor
		Kerry Goodhew	Co-opted Governor
Matt Ward	Parent Governor Vice Chair		
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 - chairgov@spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk	
Scott Wilkinson	Parent Governor		

