

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to the first edition of the Governing Body's Newsletter which we have produced to keep you up to date with the work of the Governors and our different priorities. We hope that you will find it interesting and informative.

Who are the Governors?

Governors are a team of hard working volunteers who are drawn from our local community, parents and carers, school staff and representatives of the Church Diocese.

Sally McDowall

Local Authority Governor
Chair of Governors, Finance and Resources
Committee, Safeguarding Governor and Special
Educational Needs Governor

Margaret Kirby

Co-Opted Governor, Vice Chair of Governors,
Standards & Curriculum, Maths Governor

Simon Lunn

Parent Governor, Finance & Resources,
Pupil Premium and Sports Premium Governor

Stuart Freshney

Finance & Resources, Health & Safety/Church
School identity Governor

Rev June Freshney

Co-Opted Governor, Standards & Curriculum,
Church School Governor

Julia Nadarajah

Co-Opted Governor, Standards & Curriculum,
Safeguarding Governor

Rev. Georgie Machell

Foundation Governor, Standards & Curriculum

Susannah Milsom

Parent Governor (new governor)

Sam Eden

Ex-Officio Governor, Headteacher

Maxine Woods

Staff Governor, Standards & Curriculum

Debra Moore

Associate Member, Finance and Resources

Zoe France-Clerk to Governors



In a nutshell, the Governors' role is to provide strategic leadership and accountability. We work with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team to agree the vision for the school, its aims and objectives.

We approve the policies and targets for achieving the school's objectives. We monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards them and we are a source of challenge and support.

Each governor serves on the Full Governing Body and either the Finance & Resources Committee (F&R) or the Standards & Curriculum Committee (S&C). The smaller committee meetings are held to look at specific elements of the school strategy. You can see which Governor is on each committee on list opposite.

Being a school governor is interesting, rewarding and so much more than attending the 8 - 12 meetings necessary each year. We undertake appropriate training and attend events to meet governors of other schools. We enjoy the support and co-operation of the teaching staff as we make regular monitoring visits to school and report on our findings so that all governors are aware of the progress in areas outside their own area of responsibility. These monitoring visits enable the Governing Body to validate the information we receive from the Headteacher and Senior Leaders and that the school continues to provide a safe and effective learning experience being the best it can possibly be.

School Development Priorities

Our role as Governors is not to implement the school development objectives (this is the role of the Senior Leadership Team) but to oversee and question the strategy and effectiveness of impact this is having on the pupils and wider school.

This year's objectives are;

- *To ensure that each child's learning and outcomes continue to improve, to meet or exceed the Age Related Expectations of the National Curriculum.*
- *To improve and add to the school's outdoor areas to provide more opportunities for outdoor learning in all subjects throughout the school day.*
- *To raise attainment in Maths, improving outcomes across the school.*

During our last meeting, we received an update on the milestones set to demonstrate effectiveness and we are pleased to report that the school is making excellent progress against these priorities.

PE Sport Premium Monitoring Visit



Simon Lunn, PE Governor, carried out a monitoring visit with Mr Swain to discuss how the PE Sport Premium funding has been used within the school, and how this has impacted on the pupils, and also to discuss the future plans for development of this subject. The enthusiasm for this subject within the school was clearly evident and also how PE combines with other subjects. The visit confirmed that the school is using the Premium to provide specialist training for staff and to improve the PE provision for all pupils.

Contact Us

We often attend events at school and enjoy talking with and listening to parents and pupils. The support and commitment of parents and carers is greatly appreciated by the Governing Body and we like to receive your views. Is there anything you'd like to know more about? Have you ideas you'd like to share with the Governors? You can contact us by writing c/o the school office or Email enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk

Maths Day



Margaret Kirby, Maths Governor, attended the Maths Day last term and was impressed by the thorough and imaginative way that staff had brought together a huge range of activities both in classrooms and on the playground. The use of Measures was applied to P.E., Art, Design Technology, R.E. and Music.

Junior Governors

The children in each class have democratically chosen 2 Class members to represent them as Junior Governors. The children are so enthusiastic about their new role as Junior Governors and full of ideas about what makes learning fun! These children will be attending our meetings to give us an update on their role and responsibilities within school.

The values which the school teaches and expects are clearly shown in the children's excellent behaviour and through Governor visits. We are so proud of all the children in our school!

Open Morning

Governors attended the School Open Morning in November and enjoyed meeting the families who were considering enrolling their children at Ancaster this September. The Headteacher's welcome was warm, friendly and informative. The Year 6 children, acting as guides for the parents, toured the school and grounds and were well informed, able to answer relevant questions. Teaching staff showed enthusiasm and passion for their classrooms and the children in their care, and questions from parents were dealt with in helpful and honest ways. The classrooms were bright, tidy and with a buzz that the new parents noticed straight away.

We look forward to welcoming the expected full cohort of children into Reception in September.

Be the Best You Can Be!