












# Governor Newsletter

## Spring Term, 2017



In our last newsletter we welcomed a new Foundation Governor, Dave Howatson, to Little Waltham School. You can read his 'Governor Profile' to find out more about him in this newsletter. This term we also welcome two new Governors – Trevor Prior and Diane Regan. Trevor has recently been appointed as our Local Authority Governor and Diane Regan (a parent at Little Waltham School) is in the process of being appointed to fill a vacancy we have for a Foundation Governor. You can find out more about these two new Governors in future newsletters.

Little Waltham School Governing Body			
			
Jon Tredwell Foundation Governor	Hugh Godfrey Foundation Governor	Dave Howatson Foundation Governor	Martin Gandy Foundation Governor
			
Diane Regan Foundation Governor	Trevor Prior Local Authority Governor	Tony Moxham Parent Governor	Kristy Rosam Parent Governor
			
Rev Sandra Sykes Incumbent Ex-Officio	Elizabeth Maycock Headteacher Ex-Officio	Ruth Baker Staff Governor	

### Governor Roles & Responsibilities

Each Governor's term of office lasts for 4 years. Due to the fact that we have had a number of new members join our Governing Body in recent months, responsibilities have been re-allocated to utilize the strengths of each Governor. Below is a list of the key roles and responsibilities that each governor now holds (All Governors and their roles and responsibilities can be found on our school website):

Name	Roles & Monitoring Responsibilities
Jon Tredwell	Chair of Governing Body Chair of RE & Worship Committee Chair of Pay & Performance Committee Chair of Headteacher's Performance Review Teaching, Learning & Achievement Committee Resources Committee Governor with Responsibility for Mathematics Governor with Responsibility for Pupil Premium
Hugh Godfrey	Vice Chair of Governing Body Vice Chair of Teaching, Learning & Achievement Committee RE & Worship Committee Governor with Responsibility for Foundation Subjects Governor with Responsibility for Early Years
Martin Gandy	Full Governing Body Chair of Resources Committee Pay & Performance Committee Treasurer Governor with Responsibility for Website
Dave Howatson	Full Governing Body Teaching, Learning & Achievement Committee RE & Worship Committee Governor with Responsibility for English Governor with Responsibility for Safeguarding
Trevor Prior	Full Governing Body
Diane Regan	Full Governing Body (To be approved)
Kristy Rosam	Full Governing Body Chair of Teaching, Learning & Achievement Committee Vice Chair of Headteacher's Performance Review Vice Chair of Pay & Performance Committee Governor with Responsibility for Science Governor with Responsibility for Gifted & Talented Provision Governor with Responsibility for Special Educational Needs Provision Governor with Responsibility for Governor Newsletter
Tony Moxham	Full Governing Body Vice Chair of Resources Committee Governor with Responsibility for Computing Link Governor
Rev Sandra Sykes	Full Governing Body RE & Worship Committee Governor with Responsibility for Religious Education Governor with Responsibility for Headteachers' Wellbeing
Elizabeth Maycock	Full Governing Body Teaching, Learning & Achievement Committee Resources Committee Pay & Performance Committee RE & Worship Committee
Ruth Baker	Full Governing Body Teaching, Learning & Achievement Committee Resources Committee RE & Worship Committee Governor with Responsibility for Health & Safety

## Governor Monitoring

Each governor is allocated monitoring responsibilities, this involves them visiting school each term to visit lessons and meet with staff and pupils to collect monitoring evidence. Each visit is then documented and subsequently shared and discussed at committee meetings and/or with the full governing body.

## Governor Profile: Dave Howatson

I joined this Governing Body earlier this school year after my wife and I moved to Essex from Nottingham. I retired in 2012 after forty years in education, including twenty as Head Teacher of three very different schools. I thoroughly enjoyed my teaching career, especially my time working with Service Children's Schools in Germany and being in Berlin when "the Wall" came down - witnessing history as it happened!

Since retiring, one of things that I have done is to become a volunteer with the NSPCC's ChildLine Schools Service; where we visit primary schools, delivering assemblies and workshops to children in Years 5 and 6 about helping them to "stay happy and safe." In fact, I believe that I will be part of the team doing that in this school later this school year.

I enjoy most sports, generally as a spectator now, and have become a member at Essex County Cricket Club; at least it keeps me from getting under my wife's feet all of the time!

Dave Howatson



## RE and Worship

This term Governors have been focusing on the Curriculum and how the core Christian Values link into the worship and RE lessons and several visits to school have been made by the RE and Worship committee members.

It was a pleasure for Governors to observe pupils looking at the Salvation module in their RE studies recently. The whole school's attention was on the Easter Story, but using different activities to reinforce the teaching and engage the children's imaginations. Pupil knowledge of major bible stories was certainly impressive.

The children recognised Easter symbols e.g. palms, cross, empty tomb and could articulate their meaning well. But in addition, they were engaging in the art of 'wondering' - wondering about the story of Easter and how other images could express something about the BIG story of God in our world.

Foundation Governors have attended RE moderation this term to look at progress made across the year. Mrs Baker has used recent training to use pictures and questions to develop the pupils' philosophical abilities. It was interesting to see how enthusiastically they engaged with this. Governors have also observed a worship assembly on Forgiveness.

Preparation for the Easter Service in St Martin's is well underway, with plans for the whole school to be involved in Easter activities afterwards. We are grateful as always to all those who contribute to the worship in school and church week by week.

## **Happy Easter!**

It has been yet another busy term at Little Waltham School, thank you as always to all the staff, pupils and families who have worked so hard over the last few months. The building work continues to progress well and is currently ahead of schedule and so should be ready before the new academic year in September. In the meantime, we hope that everyone enjoys a restful Easter break - hopefully the sun will continue to shine!

Kind Regards,

The Governing Body