

# Governor Newsletter

## Spring Term, 2018



Welcome to Little Waltham School's Governor Newsletter.

Little Waltham School Governing Body			
			
Jon Tredwell Foundation Governor	Hugh Godfrey Foundation Governor	Dave Howatson Foundation Governor	Martin Gandy Foundation Governor
			
Joanne Young Foundation Governor	Diane Regan Foundation Governor	Tony Moxham Parent Governor	Kristy Rosam Parent Governor
			
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### Ofsted – Little Waltham school continues to be good!

As you know we had our Ofsted inspection visit a couple of weeks ago and we were delighted that the Inspector, Cassandra Williams, judged that our school continues to be good. On the day of the inspection four governors met with the inspector to discuss a number of key lines of enquiry and provide monitoring evidence relating to areas including safeguarding, attendance and pupil progress in English, Maths and the wider curriculum. The inspector spoke highly of our school's vision that **'all pupils will succeed, no matter what their ability or background'** and noted that **'governors and staff are committed to developing the 'whole child''**. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Liz Maycock and all the staff for all their hard work and commitment on a daily basis. Governors will be working with staff over the coming months to discuss building the inspector's next steps for the school into our school development plan.

## Governor Membership

At the end of last term a parent governor election was held and Kristy Rosam was re-elected as parent governor. Our Chair of Governors, Jon Tredwell, also came to the end of his term of office and we are pleased to say that following his re-nomination he agreed to stand again for another term. We, therefore, continue to currently have no vacancies on the governing body, but we always welcome hearing from anyone who would like to learn more about becoming a governor in the future. If you are interested in finding out more, please email [krosam@littlewaltham.essex.sch.uk](mailto:krosam@littlewaltham.essex.sch.uk)

## Governor Profile: Kristy Rosam

I have been a parent governor at Little Waltham school for the last 4 years and was re-elected in December 2017. I have found this role to be extremely rewarding and I enjoy working with the school to help to ensure that every child has access to a broad, stimulating curriculum in which they can achieve their potential.

Prior to having children I worked as a primary school teacher teaching all year groups from Reception to Year 6, I held specific responsibilities for leading ICT and Science. I currently work as a SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) in a local school; my role involves coordinating interventions and provision for children with special educational needs and monitoring their progress. During my career I have also worked as a private tutor and have taught in a number of schools across Essex as a supply teacher. My experience has, therefore, equipped me well for my current role of Chair of the Teaching, Learning and Achievement committee and governor responsible for Science, special educational needs and gifted and talented provision.

In my spare time I enjoy playing sports, especially netball, and I love playing the piano.



## Governor Monitoring Visits

This term governors have been into school to monitor a number of subject areas, including Computing, Science, Music, English, Maths and RE. Monitoring visits have also taken place for SEN, safeguarding, website compliance and worship. A few weeks ago governors also attended a literacy morning for World Book Day. Governors visited classes across the whole school, looked at pupil books and talked to pupils and teaching staff, including the English subject leader. A variety of age related activities had been organised aimed at celebrating World Book Day and raising the profile of reading. It was lovely to see the children engaged and sharing their favourite stories and being excited about reading and writing. Governors also took the opportunity to sit and have lunch with the children and talk to them about their views about the school and lessons, this demonstrated how positive pupil attitudes are about our school.

## Happy Easter

Following a very busy term for staff, pupils and parents, we hope you have a very restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Kind Regards,  
The Governing Body