

# Governor Newsletter

## Summer Term, 2018

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### Welcome to Little Waltham School's Governor Newsletter.

This term we have been closely monitoring the children's progress, especially those in years 1, 2 and 6 who have been undertaking national tests. We have been discussing their progress during meetings throughout the year and in lesson visits. This year's KS2 SATs results, which will be sent home to parents/carers in the last week of term, show Year 6 pupils have made good progress during their time at Little Waltham school and we are very pleased with the results this year. We would like to thank all the staff and children who have been working hard to reach their targets.

The national tests give one very narrow measure of how the children are doing in certain subjects, but they can never tell the whole story and, therefore, Governors meet regularly with Liz Maycock to discuss anonymized pupil

profiles to demonstrate what support has been put in place for individual children and the progress that they have made in all areas as a result of this support.

During our meetings this term we have also discussed a number of areas including:

- Attendance & Punctuality
- Behaviour
- Breakfast club & after-school club
- Staffing structure and deployment of staff
- Attainment & progress of children against national standards
- Attainment & progress of vulnerable groups of children and the support that has been put in place for them
- Levels of challenge for our higher attaining pupils
- Budget forecasts and spending priorities for 2018-19
- Standards of teaching across school
- Actions taken to address the school's improvement priorities.

## Parent-Governor Communication

We are always keen to seek your views on a range of issues regarding your child's learning, safety and wellbeing, as well as general feedback about the day to day running of the school. Our previous parent-governor meetings have been poorly attended, therefore, next term we will be asking all parents/carers to let us know what you think is the best way for us to communicate with you about these issues. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey to help us ensure that we gather the views of as many of you as possible.

## Governor Profile: Joanna Young

I have been a governor at Little Waltham School for a number of years, first as a Staff Governor and now as a Foundation DBE Governor. I really enjoy being a part of the school and helping to contribute, in a small way, to ensuring that all our pupils reach their potential in a safe and caring environment.

I have been associated with the school for over 35 years, first as a parent and subsequently as the Senior Learning Support Assistant and Singing Tutor. Although I have, over the years, worked with all year groups, during the last 15 years I worked with Years 5 and 6. I always felt that it was important that when any Year 6 pupil left our school that they were equipped to cope with life in Senior School and to feel their self-worth and be able to converse easily and comfortably with both their peers and their teachers.

Although I retired in April '17 I feel privileged to be able to continue to be a part of the school. I am on the RE and Worship Committee and have Governor responsibility for Extended Services and Educational Visits. I am about to take on Governor responsibility for Geography, History and Modern Foreign Language. I like to think that having worked within the school for such a long time that I have an empathy for children and their learning journey.

In my spare time I am an active member of Little Waltham United Reformed Church and enjoy music, singing and playing the piano. I enjoy travelling and appreciate having time to spend with my four young grandchildren.



## **Final farewells....**

Governors would firstly like to say 'Good luck' to all our Year 6 children who will be moving on to the next stage of their education at the end of this academic year. They have been a fantastic year group and have been excellent role models for the younger children in the school. We wish them all the best in the future.

Secondly, the governors would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Mrs Polhill who is retiring at the end of this term after twelve years of loyal service as our School Business Manager. Her calm and efficient presence has been a great benefit to the school during this time, she will be hugely missed and we wish her all the very best for the future. We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Stevens who will be our new School Business Manager and also Mr Russell who will be teaching Year 6 next year.

Kind Regards,

The Governing Body