



# GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

Dec 2017 Edition



Hold on to your Santa hats, as we have a bumper edition of the Governor Newsletter.

Yule get personnel news on the Governing Body itself and its workings (which we hope useful for our new Year R Parents), plus updates on the Breakfast Club, Sport and Clubs in School plus the Christmas Frost Fair.

## What Governors do

Governors play an increasingly significant role in the running of schools. We feel it's a huge privilege to serve the school in this way, and play our part in ensuring the children at CKS get the education they deserve.

We work closely with the Head Teacher, and focus on three core functions:

1. Setting the school's strategic direction and priorities, and ensure all statutory duties are met.
2. Acting as a 'critical friend,' supporting the head teacher and holding her to account for the school's day-to-day running.
3. Overseeing the school's financial performance and ensure the budget is well spent.

Our Foundation Governors also have the particular responsibility of ensuring the school upholds and develops its Christian character.

We don't get involved in the everyday operation of the school; that is in hands of the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team. Our role is to help shape the strategic direction and priorities of the school, and help drive those priorities forward.

We meet as a whole Governing Body several times a year. In addition to this, four committees meet and each has a particular focus on different areas of school life:

1. Admissions and Community.
2. Curriculum and Standards.
3. Pay and Performance.
4. Resources.

Much of our work is done in these committees, and each one will meet once or twice per term. In addition to these meetings, some of us also fulfill statutory roles which oversee different aspects of school life (e.g. Safeguarding, Health and Safety). As well as these roles, some of us are linked to particular classes within school and visit the classroom or events to see progress.

## Your (new) Governors

Our Governing Body consists of:

- Eight Foundation Governors, appointed by the Diocese of Winchester and recommended by the Council of St Mary's Church, Eversley.
- Two Parent Governors.
- One Local Authority Governor.
- Head Teacher.
- One Staff Governor.

We now have a full complement (see Page 2 list) as we recently welcomed the following to the team:

- Lerys Campbell (Priest in Charge of St Mary's Church) as a Foundation Governor
- Fiona Dixon as Local Authority Governor
- Clare Price as Staff Governor
- Adam Johnson as a new Parent Governor

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## Governor Who's Who

Name	Category	Term End (all 4 yrs)	Committee(s)	Lead Responsibilities
Trevor Aylen	Foundation	25 Jan 2020	Curriculum, Resources	Gifted and Talented, Y3 Link Governor, Health & Safety
Leone Brown	Foundation	10 Feb 2018	Curriculum, Resources, HTPM	
Suzanne Craddock	Foundation	14 Apr 2021	Admissions, Curriculum, HTPM	Pupil Premium, Y2 Link Governor, FGB Vice Chair, Forum
John Haynes	Foundation	11 Jan 2019	Pay (Chair), Resources	Y1 Link Governor, Gov Training & Development
John Hayward	Parent	24 Oct 2018	Admissions, Curriculum, HTPM	Looked-After Children, Safeguarding, Y4 Link Governor, Sports Funding
David Horrocks	Foundation	3 June 2021	Admissions, Pay, Curriculum (Chair)	Forum, SEND, Y5 Link Governor, FGB Chair, Personnel
Peter Sloan	Foundation	3 Nov 2019	Admissions, Pay, Resources (Chair)	Finance
Robin Spicer	Foundation	26 Mar 2019	Admissions (Chair), Resources, HTPM	Buildings
Mrs Charlton	Headteacher	N/A	Admissions, Curriculum, Resources, Pay	
Fiona Dixon	LA Governor	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Curriculum, Resources	Y6 Link Governor, FOCKSA
Lerys Campbell	Ex Officio Foundation	TBC	Admissions	YR Link Governor
Adam Johnson	Parent Governor	7th Dec 2021	TBC	TBC
Mrs Price	Staff Governor	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	Admissions, Curriculum	Equalities

## New Year Resolutions

It would be lovely to see parents who ignore the yellow parking restriction zig zags make a resolution to stop. A number of persistent offenders continue to put children and parents at risk. Please stop. Unfortunately we also have dangerous and inconsiderate

behaviour in Kiss & Drop. Children should be ready to leave the car quickly, preferably by their own means, around the front of the car. Parents should use all 3 exits, parking right up to the front gate. And, please don't use your mobile handset while driving through.

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## Breakfast Club

We're delighted that the new Breakfast Club is proving such a success, and so well received by pupils and parents. Clearly it is a great provision for many families in school as evidenced by the large numbers attending.

It is lovely to see such a happy hive of activity in the Library and IT Suite first thing in the morning. We can also report high levels of enthusiastic children helping to wash and dry up at the end of the session!

We're very grateful to Lurna, Ali and the rest of the team from Autumn Cottage in ensuring this has worked so well for the school and the Breakfast Clubbers.

## School Clubs

Our Before and After School Clubs play a key role in offering enrichment opportunities for children in school, especially when there is such increasing focus on English and Maths.

17 clubs have been running this term! They offer wonderful opportunities including art, pottery, choir, construction, band, yoga, chess, French, Horrible Histories, and several sporting clubs too.

Many may not be aware that staff are not paid for the extra hours put into running these, but do so simply to offer more opportunities for the children. For that we are very thankful.

## Sport at CKS

Our sports funding grant from the Government has been received since 2013, with the aim of leaving a lasting sporting legacy and passion for sporting activities.

It's our aim to use these funds to create a self-sustaining improvement in sports teaching, plus improve equipment and variety in sport and outdoor activities.

So what does that mean in practice? In a nutshell, more and better sport, with access to coaches who help the children and our staff to teach what they need to better than before. We're also lucky enough to have some great facilities on our doorstep. We have used the indoor cricket centre for some time, and new this year is the purpose built hockey pitch where we coach hockey as well as football on fantastic all-weather surfaces.

Within school, and depending on year group and time of year, children will be enjoying netball, football, gymnastics, basketball, swimming and, all new for 2017, Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (think orienteering, scavenger hunts and team building). Our before/after School clubs also give opportunity for running, football, dance, netball and judo with School teams and individuals competing at various events and matches throughout the county.

It's only when you list the activities going on throughout the School that you can appreciate how much is going on. From observations by us there are lots of engaged children too, being more active, learning and overcoming nerves to whack those cricket balls when fired out of the bowling machine.

Our thanks go to the Parents who help with our sporting clubs, and the teachers running them. And, massive thanks too to Miss Hawthorne our Sports lead in school for driving the programme forward. Go CKS!

## Frosty Success

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas Fair. We owe a huge thanks to FOCKSA and the many volunteers who made it happen. The event raised more money for school than usual, which is very welcome in times of budgetary pressure and a new Schools Funding Formula that will reduce the amount CKS receives.

Finally, we wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and relaxing break.