

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

Holton le Clay Schools Governing Body

Summer 2016



HOLTON LE CLAY SCHOOLS GOVERNING BODY

School website:
www.holtonleclayschools.co.uk

Welcome to our Governor's Newsletter. Here we hope to keep you informed on governing priorities and school performance news. It is important to us, as a governing body, to strive to improve communication and links between governors, staff, parents and children. We would like to offer a warm welcome to all the children and their families who have started at Holton le Clay this school year. We also have new members of staff this year and the warm welcome is extended to all.

I have been elected as Chair of Governors for this school year having been a member of the governing body for over 15 years. Our responsibility is for systematically monitoring the school's progress towards meeting agreed development targets.

Gathering information about what is going well, and why, will help us to do our job effectively. Parent Questionnaire results have shown that the majority of parents are very satisfied with the schools; but there is always room for improvement. We will always want to hear from parents about their views, please visit the Feedback section of our website or visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and I am always contactable through the Clerk, Mrs Ellerby.

Positive relationships between the Governing Body, school and parents are vital to improving outcomes and the life chances of our children. I look forward to working with you in this endeavour.

Jim Allen

Message from Mrs Hunt Executive Headteacher

I would like to thank all the children, parents, staff and governors for their continued support at Holton le Clay Schools. I am very keen to maintain strong relationships with stakeholders, to the benefit of all our children, and look forward to building upon and extending Holton le Clay's achievements.

Dawne F Hunt

Who are our Governors?

Name of Governor	Type of Governor
Mr James Allen (Chair)	Co-opted
Mrs Sharon Holmes-Barber (Vice Chair)	Parent
Mrs Anna Morgan	Co-opted
Mr Michael Croft	Co-opted
Mrs Tracy Frisby	Local Authority
Mrs Kerry Gooderham	Co-opted
Mrs Helen Treadgold	Parent
Mrs Karen Baldock	Staff
Mrs Lynsey Riggs	Co-opted
Mrs Dawne Hunt	Executive Headteacher



Holton le Clay Infant School Staff

Executive Headteacher
Mrs D Hunt

Deputy Headteacher
Mr S Leeman

Additional Needs Co-ordinator
Mrs J Marsden

Teaching Staff: Mr S Leeman
Mrs A Johnson
Mrs K Baldock
Miss C Gibbs
Mrs E Davey
Mrs E Bell
Mrs L Jones
Mrs R Bruce

Support Staff: Mrs L Peart
Mrs S Turner
Mrs R Hutchinson
Mrs C Akrill
Mrs H Wells
Mrs O Ayres
Miss A Nicholson

Midday Meals Supervisors: Mrs J Knapton
Mrs V Downing
Mrs M Lyons
Mrs L Green
Mrs A Hicken

Business Manager: Mrs S Ellerby

Caretaker: Mr M Borum

Cleaner: Mrs A Hooley

Holton le Clay Junior School Staff

Executive Headteacher
Mrs D Hunt

Assistant Headteacher
Mrs J Marsden

Additional Needs Co-ordinator
Mrs J Marsden

Teaching Staff: Mrs J Marsden
Miss M Champion
Mr A Hornsby
Mrs L Lingard-Cook
Miss A Rutter
Miss A Grimes

Support Staff: Mrs J Everett
Mrs J Collinson
Mrs J Pearce
Mrs A Reavill
Mrs A Hooley
Miss N Hainesborough
Mrs N Thornley

Midday Meals Supervisors: Mrs J Jackson
Mrs N Thornley
Ms D Hill
Mrs A Hooley

Business Manager: Mrs K Shearer

Caretaker: Mrs R MacLean

Cleaner: Mrs R MacLean

Did you know.....?

In 1885 the Holton le Clay parish was an area of 1,430 acres (5.8 km²) and in 1881 the population was 283.

News

KS1 grammar and spelling tests 2016

The school's minister has cancelled this year's national spelling test after the actual paper was published in error, on a government website. The test, which was to be taken by half a million infant children for the first time, was to be used to set the national standard for Key Stage 1 spelling for future years. The mistake was discovered by a school running an official trial of the test, after teachers noticed some pupils recognised the words being tested.

Polling Station

The new village hall will be used as a polling station in future – rather than the Junior School. East Lindsey District Council agreed that safeguarding concerns were an issue and that an alternative venue would be preferable.

Latest update on Academisation

The government's proposals for universal academisation are part of a white paper - they are not yet law. The government has received a great deal of criticism and the proposals have now been modified. Advice is not to make any hasty decisions; We will not take actions we believe are wrong for our school. We will, however, continue to build and strengthen our collaboration with other schools.

Reception Year Baseline

Holton le Clay, along with thousands of other schools, tested Reception Year pupils in September 2015. The government has now cancelled its plans to use this reception baseline for accountability, as there is little comparability between the different tests – therefore making a national comparison measure an impossibility.

Bug Club

Bug Club has been rolled out across both schools and a survey of Year 6 pupils and parents show a very pleasing start. Despite some initial hiccoughs – some IT based alongside a few teething problems – Bug Club has been well received. Several parents requested an information session and consequently an event was arranged for 17th May 2016. Parents and Governors attended this event.

Are you enjoying using Bug Club?
Why?

'I do enjoy using Bug Club because it makes homework more enjoyable'

Have you enjoyed the books we have allocated to you? Why?

'I do not like some of my books because they are not very exciting in my opinion. I do like action packed books but some of my books are not action packed'

What is the best part of Bug Club you have come across so far? Why?

'I think the best part of bug club so far is the grammar games because when I came back to school I understood the work we do because I've been practicing'

Have you experienced any problems accessing Bug Club at home?

'I have not had any more problems since Miss Champion sorted them out'

Have you enjoyed the books we have allocated to you?

'I have enjoyed all the books that you have given to me because the first one was like a comic and I enjoy reading them and the second book that I read was about the authors and I found out some interesting facts'

Do the grammar games help you to understand grammar better? Which ones?

'Yes all of them help me to understand grammar better because of the guide and the video explains it really well'

'Yes the grammar games help me and in particular relative clauses because it boosted my confidence and understanding'

**GOVERNOR RESPONSIBILITIES
WITH EFFECT FROM 28.09.15**

M Croft – Reception
S Holmes-Barber – Year 1
L Riggs – Year 2
K Gooderham – Year 3 and Link
H Treadgold – Year 4 plus LAC
A Morgan – Year 5 plus SEND
J Allen – Year 6 and Safeguarding



We have currently refurbishing our libraries at both Schools – come along with your child soon and have a look?



ATTENDANCE

Infant School

Year	% Attendance Sep 15 to April 16
YR	96.48
Y1	96.16
Y2	96.08
Total	96.23

Junior School

Year	% Attendance Sep 15 to April 16
Y3	96.9
Y4	97.2
Y5	96.3
Y6	97.4
Total	97.0

What is happening in the near future at Holton le Clay Schools?

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Our Special Achievement Assemblies are held weekly:

Infants Monday at 9.05 a.m.
Juniors Friday at 9.00 a.m.

Holton le Clay Junior School

Evening **Music Festival** –both schools
Week commencing 11th July 2016

Our **Queen's 90th Birthday** Celebrations
and Tea Party 21st June

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