



Governor News

Wirksworth Federation of Infant Schools – 28th April 2017



The Board of Governors

Nicky Crompton - Chair; co-opted governor; member Resource Committee and Chair of Learning & Teaching Committee

Tricia Rice – Vice Chair; co-opted governor; Chair of Resources Committee and member Learning & Teaching Committee

Hanna Link - Parent governor Wirksworth Infant School; member Resource Committee

Sue Todd - Foundation governor; member Learning & Teaching Committee

Lucy Williams-Hunter - Foundation governor; member Learning & Teaching Committee

Sam Salt - Co-opted governor; member Resource Committee

Kathryn Bean – Co-opted governor; member Learning & Teaching Committee

David Miller – Local Authority governor; member Resources Committee

Sarah Waller - Staff governor; member Learning & Teaching Committee

Jo Poyser - Headteacher; member Resource and Learning & Teaching Committees

Betty Brown is clerk to the governing body

We currently have one co-opted governor vacancy and one parent governor vacancy.

Please get in touch if you think you would like to get involved in our work with the schools.

Our Foundation Governors

As we have a church school within the federation two Foundation Governors support us on the Governing Body. In this and future issues of our newsletter we would like you to get to know a bit more about our governors, so thought we would start with our hard working Foundation Governors, Lucy Hunter and Sue Todd.

Lucy Hunter – Foundation Governor

Aside from attending Full Governor's and Learning and Teaching Committee meetings, as one of our Foundation Governors, Lucy oversees the role and impact in school of the church.

Lucy has recently visited the CE Infant School to observe an RE lesson, with the aim of understanding more about the new RE syllabus and the impact that it is having in the classroom.

Lucy is a qualified and practising primary school teacher and is also currently working along with our Chair to monitor the development of writing throughout the school as part of the school action plan.



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Sue Todd – Foundation Governor

Our other Foundation Governor, Sue Todd, has busied herself this year attending several training courses to support her work in school, including a course run by the Diocese of Derby on the Church of England vision for Education, training regarding the church schools' SIAMS inspections and an Ofsted update regarding the new RE approach to understanding Christianity.

Whilst Sue herself often leads collective worship in school, in her capacity as governor she has also observed a series of assemblies – most recently observing a values assembly on Truthfulness led by Mrs Poyser.

Sue previously worked as a primary school teacher and has been involved in disability sport for over 20 years: She currently teaches sports leaders to work with people with a disability and leads sports days for disabled children. We are grateful that Sue has offered her skills to the school: Sue acts as SEND governor and has enjoyed spending time with Mrs Wanford, learning about the work of Nurture Group.

Sue can often be spotted at school events, including the Christmas tree festival, the Christingle service and the Easter service at S Marys Church.

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The Governor page on the school website has been updated – please take a look!

Hanna Link, Parent Governor, has taken on the governor newsletter and website governor page.

Governor changes

During the school year there have been a number of changes to the governing body: in December Sally Pearson, a longstanding governor and committed Chair of the Resources Committee completed her term as parent governor. A big thank you to Sally for all of her efforts and wisdom.

In September Tricia Rice stepped down after a lengthy and productive term as Chair of Governors. Trish has worked hard guiding our Governing Body over recent years to become more strategic and less reactive. We are very lucky to still have her wisdom and support within our ranks as she continues as a governor taking on the roles of Vice Chair and Chair of the Resources Committee. This academic year Nicky Crompton was elected as Chair of Governors and Chair of the Learning and Teaching Committee.

In October we welcomed David Miller as appointed Local Authority governor to the Resources Committee and Kathryn Bean, a parent of a child at the CE Infant School, as co-opted governor, sitting on the Learning and Teaching Committee.

David “Sam” Salt joined us in November as co-opted governor, sitting on the Resources Committee.

Our new governors are an important part of the team, sharing fresh views and perspectives.

Other things Governors are involved in this year

In December we had a visit from OFSTED to the Church of England school. Governors were very proud to do their part in representing the school by meeting with the OFSTED inspector. We wait with baited breath for inspectors to visit Wirksworth Infant School and look forward to the school, staff and children leaving a similarly positive impression on the Inspector.

We have welcomed three new governors to the school this academic year. Each of whom is already positively contributing to the work we do. Along with their roles in individual committees, governors often lend their expertise to link to a particular area of school. As such Kathryn Bean is working with Trish and Nicky as a link governor for data, Sam Salt has taken on a link role with the schools am/pm club and Dave Miller is using his years of expertise on the Health & Safety Committee.

This summer term Trish Rice is heading a working group of governors to develop a new strategic plan for the federation. This will guide the direction of the Governing Body our schools in future years. Watch out for more news when the plan is published on the governor pages of our website.

Your Infant School Needs You! – Call for new Governors

We are fortunate to have a well-attended governing body, which includes individuals from varying personal and professional backgrounds. **We are looking to expand this further and we are actively looking to recruit one more Parent Governor.**

Parent Governors are elected by parents at our schools: If you are a parent of a child attending either Wirksworth Infant School or Wirksworth CE Infant School and you are interested in becoming involved in the governing body, please let the school office know. Our Chair of Governors, Nicky Crompton, will be pleased to tell you more about the role and **look out for the application form coming home this term**