

# Hemingbrough Primary School

## Annual School Governors Report

### Governors

Ruth Waters – Chair, co-opted governor

Carolyn Bell – Vice-chair, parent governor, and chair of school improvement committee

Stuart Ballantyne – local authority governor and chair of resources committee

Tracey Dunne – co-opted governor

John Appleyard – parent governor

Lisa Marshall – staff governor

Sarah Chappell – head teacher

### Attendees

Julie Easthill and Ruth Hayes

### Thanks

Many thanks to Natalie Huntingdon who had the role of Chair and Vice-Chair, Paul Cannovan as previous Chair, and Helena Kerr for their hard work and dedication on the Board of Governors.

Attendance: There has been good attendance of school governors at full governing body meetings across the year.

## School Governors

### What do governors do?

School governors have three main core functions:

- Setting the vision and strategic direction of the school
- Holding the headteacher to account for its educational performance, and
- Ensuring financial resources are well spent.

We do this at a strategic level, leaving Mrs Chappell to do the day to day running of the school but we monitor progress through discussions at meetings, reviewing results and by going into school and taking part in some of school life. We have two committees that focus on resources and school improvement in more depth alongside the annual programme of meetings. This year we have re-organised the roles and responsibilities within the governing body. We have an ongoing programme of work to review spending, and review and update policies, as well as monitoring the progress in school. The policies are available on the Hemingbrough school website. A big job this year has been taking part in a school health check and subsequently responding to the Ofsted inspection (more below).

We all really enjoy coming into school to talk to the teaching staff and the pupils, and each governor has a particular subject that they liaise with so that we can get to know a bit more about how it is taught and how progress is being made. New governors are elected either as parent governors, or members of the community are invited on to help particularly if there is a particular skill set that they have. These are called co-opted governors. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact Mrs Chappell to discuss it, as we currently have three vacancies we want to fill.

### Remembering Ben Rankin

**Ben Rankin passed away in the Autumn of 2014. He was a fantastic teacher at the school, who was loved and respected by everyone that knew him. He is really missed. In his memory, the school is going to present an annual award for outstanding achievement in Year 6 and a ceramic wall of flowers in his memory will be created and mounted in the school entrance hall.**

## Ofsted inspection confirms Hemingbrough as a good school.

**We were all delighted when the school was awarded 'good' across all aspects by the Ofsted inspection. Well done to all the staff and pupils at the school. Highlights of the report are:**

'Senior leaders' regular monitoring of teaching and learning has ensured that the quality of teaching has improved and is good overall, with some examples of outstanding practice.'

'Pupils are unfailingly polite and courteous and happy to talk about their school which they hold in high regard.'

'All teachers are committed to developing and improving their work so that they can help pupils to learn even more. This dedication is much appreciated by the pupils who readily acknowledge how much teachers help them to learn.'

'Child protection and safeguarding have a high priority.'

'The headteacher, ably supported by senior leaders, provides strong leadership and is well respected by parents and the local authority.'

'Pupils' achievement has continued to be good'

'Governors carry out their responsibilities very effectively and are passionate about making sure the school becomes as good as it can be.'

## Sports Funding.

Good use is made of the primary school sports funding to improve the quality of teaching in physical education (PE), increase the range of sports and competitions available to pupils and to provide a wider range of after-school sports activities. As a result, the number of pupils regularly taking part in extra sporting activities has increased. Some of the opportunities that have been available over the last year have been: Archery, new age kurling, boccia, lacrosse, floor lacrosse, eurohoc, handball and Freddie fit.

## Wider curriculum

At Hemingbrough Primary School, we aim to have a broad curriculum of subjects and experiences for the children. Some of the highlights this year were: Roald Dahl Day, Big Sing, Pantomime, Vive La France Day, Puzzle Day, STEM Fair and Election week.



The Governing Body (left to right) : John Appleyard, Debbie Penny, Tracey Dunne, Ruth Waters, Carolyn Bell, Ruth Hayes, Sarah Chappell, Stuart Ballantyne, Lisa Marshall, Julie Easthill.

To find out more about becoming a Governor and the work of Governors contact Mrs Chappell 01757 638266 or visit <http://www.hemingbrough.n-yorks.sch.uk/>