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Welcome to the Spring Edition of the Governor Newsletter. In this edition: Chris Lemming has written an update for parents regarding the recruitment of a new Head Teacher; and I've included the profiles of the newest members of the Governing Body: David Marsland; Helen Sowden; and Stephen Cope.

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Claire

HEAD TEACHER RECRUITMENT

As you will no doubt know, Miss Ross is retiring at the end of the summer term. This is a real shame for the school, but we understand, support her decision and wish her well. In the time that she has been Head Teacher, Miss Ross has done a great deal to move the school on in our continued journey to improve and the Governors would like to publicly acknowledge this and thank her.

In this situation the Governing Body are required to consider carefully what to do next:

- Whether to recruit a new Head Teacher and stay a Local Authority school - the "like for like" option;
- Whether to seek some form of federation, where we link with another school, sharing their Head Teacher;
- Whether to become an academy, joining an existing or forming a new Multi Academy Trust.

Governors decided unanimously to adopt the first option and recruitment is already under way to appoint a new Head Teacher. Having said this, Governors are aware of the changes happening in education and plan to investigate the advantages and disadvantages of becoming an academy, in case this becomes the right thing to do in the future.

In consultation with school staff, Governors have put together an advert and an information pack for candidates. You can review these in the jobs section of the TES Online or the ERYC jobs pages. At this time, we do not have any clear idea of how many suitable applicants we will receive. The window for applications closes at the beginning of March, with interviews at the end of March. It would be good to have the post filled before Easter.

Lemming

Chris

Governor Profiles



DAVID MARSLAND

I have lived in Holme Upon Spalding Moor for about 30 years. I was born & raised on a farm in the village and attended the primary school. I am now farming in partnership with my father. Prior to this I ran my own engineering business for about 8 years. Starting & running a business has taught me a lot of skills which I believe will help me in my role as a school governor. I am enthusiastic and committed to helping to provide the best education possible, not only for my children, but for every pupil at the school.



HELEN SOWDEN

I have lived in Holme upon Spalding Moor since 1992 and have 3 sons who attended the primary school. I have many years' experience in administration. I have worked as a Practice Manager at an accountancy firm & In 2008, I joined the East Riding Safeguarding Children Board, preparing and administering various Safeguarding courses for all staff working with children within the East Riding of Yorkshire, including the on-line training. In my spare time, I am Akela for Holme Jaguar Cub Group. I have become a governor to help the school to keep up the great work of developing a good foundation for our children, ensuring they are ready for the wider world. I am also sure that my safeguarding awareness and contacts would be of benefit to the role of governor.



STEPHEN COPE

Many of you will know me as the local vicar, but I have had plenty of experience over the years as a school governor. I have three daughters, and two (soon to be three) granddaughters. When my eldest daughter started primary school in 1992, I decided to get involved with her school as a governor. I continued to be a governor in Northampton until moving back to Yorkshire, where I have served as a governor at Boynton, Kilham, Easington and Withernsea; and chair of governors at three of them. I oversaw the amalgamation of Withernsea Infants and Junior Schools into the largest primary school in the East Riding. Only two of the schools were church schools, so I know my role within the state sector. I have also served on the Schools Budget Forum and the Admissions Forum of the East Riding L(E)A over the years. Aside from putting the interests of the children and their education above everything else, my particular interests have been in the financial and curriculum committees. I hope to be of service to the children and the school.