



Governor Newsletter Spring 2017

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Welcome from the Chair...

Welcome to this Governing Body newsletter. The purpose of this letter along with the governor information on the website is to keep parents and carers, staff and members of our local community informed regarding the activities of the school's Governing Body. All information about our governors, committees and responsibilities can be viewed on the governors' section of the school website under the 'About Us' tab.

There continues to be a lot to be proud of at our school and on behalf of the Governing Body, we wish to acknowledge and extend our appreciation for the achievements and commitment of our pupils, staff, parents and volunteers.



Lynne Wright

Governor Update

We are delighted to welcome two new Governors to the Governing Body. Louise Hayes, our newly elected Parent Governor and Rev Dave Hanson, Curate of Christ Church, who has joined us as a Foundation Governor.

Louise Hayes



Dave Hanson



Governor Training

This year's annual Oldham Governor Conference was held on Saturday 12th November 2016 and was attended by Mr David Wright and Mr Colin McLaren. The day provided a wealth of information which is available for all governors to access and use, as well as opportunities to network with other school governors and share ideas and resources.

Meet a Governor

Mrs Heather Burtonwood (Foundation Governor)



What is your background?

I am a retired primary school teacher and am a member of Christ Church congregation.

What do you do in your spare time?

As well as being kept busy with family and volunteering with activities in church eg teaching children in Sunday School, my favourite way of relaxing is to have my feet up with something to read!

What made you want to become a school governor?

I have always had a love of working with and on behalf of children. The school governor role at Christ Church for me, is about working in partnership with the school staff, parents, children and the church to ensure that all pupils receive the best quality education and pastoral care within a safe and caring environment.

What is your link governor role?

Within school my link governor roles are Safeguarding and Special Education Needs (SEN). I am also the school's link governor with the Local Authority – I attend meetings to receive the latest updates to pass on to the Governing Body.

What do Christ Church School Governors do?

Responsibilities of the governing body include working with the Headteacher to ensure high standards of achievement, making sure money is well spent in general and more specifically e.g. Pupil Premium, Sports Premium, redevelopment of the building e.g. classrooms so that the best possible learning environment is maintained. Governors attend termly full governing body meetings as well as termly sub-committee meetings: Standards, Learning, Finance and Premises.

In addition to meetings after school, many of our school governors are regular visitors throughout the week during school time. Some of the areas governors have been focussing on this term include:

- Helen Simmons has been in speaking to Mrs Haigh about social media and assemblies;
- David Wright has attended the school's Health & Safety meetings;
- Heather Burtonwood has looked at Pupil Premium funding and its impact on pupil's progress;
- Lynne Wright looked at the health and wellbeing of pupil's and staff and supported Mrs Haigh with the Pupil Premium action plan;
- Andrew Dearden has been supporting school with the replacement of the original infant roof;
- Lisa Hadfield has ensured the school budget is being spent effectively.

Governors on learning walks are able to see pupils learning within different environments e.g. classrooms, outdoor learning and to speak with staff and volunteers. Special whole school assemblies and watching our children performing in shows are a particular pleasure for governors to be part of. Well done Years 3 and 4 on the fabulous Sugar Town production.

