



SUMMER EDITION 2017

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Governor Newsletter. In this edition: Chris Lemming has written an update for parents regarding the retirement of Helen Ross; I've included information about the role & responsibilities of The Curriculum Committee; and I've included the profiles of Steve Woodhouse and Sue Monkman.

Claire Baker

UPDATE FOR PARENTS...

We are now into the transition phase of the changes in senior management at the school. I would like to start this newsletter with a strong thank you to Helen Ross for all she did during the past two years and prior to that as a school advisor. Having worked closely with her over that time-period I understand her total commitment to the children and staff and her determination to deliver the best education at our school. On behalf of all the Governors I wish her well in her retirement. Thank you, Helen, for all you have contributed to our school.

We are very fortunate to have Sue Monkman with us as the temporary Head Teacher until the end of the summer term. As you can see from her bio overleaf, Sue is a very experienced hand to steer Holme on Spalding Moor Primary School through until the end of the summer term. We welcome her to the school and thank her for taking on the role of Head Teacher.

I would also like to welcome Steve Woodhouse to our school. Steve will be starting officially at the beginning of September, but is already starting to be briefed. He and Sue will both be guests at the next full Governors meeting later this term.

Chris Lemming

THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

In simple terms the Curriculum Committee oversees what is taught and how it is taught. Most of what happens in the classroom, plus outside learning including school trips, is within the remit of this Committee. As you would expect, this involves setting a wide range of policies and procedures and then checking that they are being followed.

The policies for numeracy and literacy are clearly important ones because of the attention they get with Ofsted and in published performance tables. However, we believe in the children receiving a broad education at our school to prepare them for their future, so the overall school curriculum also includes subjects such as ICT, History, Art, Geography, Music, Science, PE, Foreign Languages and so on.

Behind all these subjects is the school's approach to handwriting, homework, marking and assessment plus behaviour and discipline.

The Curriculum Committee also has oversight of SEN, Collective Worship, and sex education.

Until three years ago, this Committee was called "The Teaching and Learning Committee" and included pupil progress. However, on the advice of ERYC, and following the disappointing Ofsted inspection, the Pupil Progress Committee was formed to give this topic greater visible focus.

Chris Lemming

HEAD TEACHER PROFILES



SUE MONKMAN

I retired from my post as Head Teacher of Wilberfoss CE Primary School in December 2015 after thirteen very happy years. During this time, with the support and expertise of a lively and enthusiastic staff, the school moved from an Ofsted rating of Good to one of Outstanding in 2012. In January 2016, I went to Cherry Burton School to provide Interim Leadership for, initially, a fortnight, but remained in post until December 2016. I thoroughly enjoyed my year there and left with many happy memories of this delightful school. At the time of writing, I am working as a supporting Head Teacher and, again, enjoying the experience. I am looking forward to providing Interim Leadership at Holme on Spalding Moor School during this half term and, although this will be a short tenure, hope to leave my small mark there when I hand over to Steve Woodhouse. I am passionate about providing children with high-quality educational experiences that build the foundations for lifelong learning. I live in Malton (Yorkshire's Food Capital!) with my husband, Ken, who also works in education, and have two grown-up children. I'm also passionate about cats and have two beautiful Persians, Ruby and Kitty.



STEVE WOODHOUSE

I trained to become a teacher at Bishop Grosseteste College in Lincoln, studying for four years and specialising in English. Most of my teaching career was spent in Grimsby, with short spells supporting universities in both Germany and Poland. I also worked as an English advisor in North East Lincolnshire, supporting 67 local primary schools. My first headship was at Sutton upon Derwent Primary School where I spent several happy years before moving onto the Wolds Federation. Being a Head Teacher is a huge privilege and I am looking forward to starting work at Holme on Spalding Moor in September. Children have one chance to pass through primary school and I intend to ensure it's the best experience it can be, for each and every one of them. In my spare time I enjoy travelling, swimming and watching Doncaster's rugby league team. I also write a regular column in the Pocklington Post. I look forward to meeting you all in the Autumn Term.