

NPSG ~ NESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

“Governors simply want Neston Primary School to be the best it can be for the pupils”

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the second edition of our termly newsletter from the Governing body. In the first edition we introduced ourselves and explained a little about how the governing body works.

Over the next few editions we hope to respond to your feedback so, that in partnership we can meet the needs of our whole school community. We hope that the newsletter will evolve to address any suggestions, questions or concerns that you may have.

What is the governing body?

Our focus is on raising standards and promoting the personal development and wellbeing of all of our children. We aim to work with our Headteacher, staff and parents to try and make Neston Primary School a happy, safe and nurturing environment in which all children achieve their full potential.

We are a group of staff, parents, members of the local community and representatives of the local authority who work in partnership with the head teacher and staff to ensure the best possible learning experience for all of our children.

The full governing body meets on a termly basis. In addition each governor also attends one or more of the of sub-committees (Teaching & Learning, Personnel & Partnership, Resources). These sub-committees meet termly too. We do not however have a role in the day to day running of our school which is carried out by our Headteacher and staff.

Since the Ofsted inspection in December 2013, what have the Governors done to help address the action points?

- A group of Governors have met monthly with the Headteacher to discuss the actions put in place since the Ofsted inspection in December 2013.
- Governors have received reports from representatives from the Local Authority who have visited school to check on our improvement plans.
- Governors have also supported the staff during this period of time by asking them what they are doing to address the points raised by Ofsted.
- Governors have met with subject leaders in school to discuss the work they have done to develop the standards of teaching and the attainment of pupils.
- Governors have interviewed pupils about: their work, what they enjoy doing in school, and how they can improve their work.
- Governors attended a presentation by a group of children on the impact of the displays in school.
- Governors have constructively challenged the School Leadership Team.
- In early December two Governors took part in a learning walk in school – looking at the improvements made since the last Ofsted inspection. They also spoke to a group of pupils about their work, books and school life. The Governors were very pleased with what they saw and commented that the children “Were a credit to the school”.

Neston Primary School Governors

At Neston Primary School the Governing Body is made up of people representing the local community, the Local Authority, parents & carers and those who represent school staff.

In November 2014 Mr Ian Trotman took over the role of Chair of Governors. Mrs Lindsey Hinks will still be a member of the Governing Body. Our thanks to Lindsey for being our Chair of Governors for the past few years.

Chair of Governors - Ian Trotman.

Vice-Chair – Linda Pritchard.

Other Governors: Lindsey Hinks, Karen Noble, Stuart Bellerby, Simon Wilson, Sara Phillips, Sarah Rudd, Kate Davies, Carole Cottrell, Annabel Elliott, Rob Golding.

In the coming months we will be re-organising the Governing Body - a requirement of all Governing Bodies. This may mean that we have vacancies for people to join Neston Primary School's Governing Body. If you are interested, please let Mr Golding, Mrs Elliott or Mrs Cottrell know.

How to Contact us:

If parents or carers want to contact governors, they can leave a message with the office staff, pop a note in the folder attached to the Governor display in the entrance hall or e-mail us at:

admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

