

# Governors Newsletter

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## Blistering Finish To The Year

As we approach the end of another busy year at the school, the pace has not let up. Since our last newsletter there has been so much going on! As well as carrying out our duties, we have organised a successful, free of charge, picnic for parents to enjoy with their children to celebrate the Queen's Sapphire Jubilee. The children received a commemorative mug; something we hope the children will cherish for many years.

A recent visit from the Diocesan Advisor resulted in very positive feedback, stating that the school seems to go from strength to strength. We have maintained our strong links with the Diocese by attending the Christmas Concert and Y6 Leavers Concert at Lincoln Cathedral.

The staff have continued to go above and beyond; Mrs Ely continues to guide schools requiring help with leadership, while the other staff look to improve teaching standards at these schools. Meanwhile, Mr Spelman has also been selected to go out moderating Y6 assessments within the county, and Miss Atkin has passed her NQT year with flying colours and has become an integral member of the team within the school. So a huge congratulations to all the staff this year on their endeavours.

The PTA continue to be a formidable team, providing breakfast Mondays and organising the Summer Fayre and Sports Day Refreshments & Raffle. Their continued efforts ensure that the children can enjoy extra activities that the school could not afford. Again, we say a huge thank you to them.

Attendance stats for the year are in, and we would like to thank all those children achieving 95% and above. Well done to those who have achieved 100% attendance, these children will receive a special trophy in the last day assembly.

As with every year, we have to say goodbye to our Y6 children. We wish them all the very best as they move on to Secondary School and wish them every success in their bright futures.

## David Maunder: A Fond Farewell



David Maunder has been a Governor at our school for 9 years. As Chair of Governors, his endeavor and hard work has helped transform the school in to what it is today

After 9 years on the Governing Body, David has decided to step down to allow him to enjoy his spare time and hobbies a little more. David is not one to do things half-hearted, and has given his all to help manage the school. Although his children left long ago, his drive to be of benefit to our community has seen him stay on and Chair the Governing Body for many years, only recently stepping down to Vice-Chair due to work commitments. Utilising his experience in finance and management, he has been an absolute stalwart in guiding us through the pitfalls of the task at hand; getting the best possible deal for the children and holding the staff to account.

During his tenure he oversaw all the major projects that have transformed the school into the place we know today. The new Hall, new Classroom, additional offices, Library refurbishment, the new security fencing and playground to highlight just some.

As well as being an astute Chair, he has offered support to all associated with the school. He will leave an enormous hole within the team, which the rest of us will have to fill. His experience and sense of humour will be sorely missed. I'm sure you would like to join the Governors in saying a big thank you to David for all that he has done for the school. We certainly would not be in such a fortunate position as we are without his leadership. Thank you, David. You are a star!

## New Governors

**Betty Boor ( New Foundation Governor).** Betty started her career working for Nat West in Long Sutton where she progressed to Branch Manager. After 27 years working for Nat West Betty decided it was time to explore other opportunities and left to work as a Customer Service Manager for 6 years in the transport industry . Betty joined The Peele Community College in January 2009 and is currently employed there as the College Business Manager. Her day to day role is varied ,she has responsibility for finance , premises and HR but you will also find her working with small groups of students or serving tea at parents evenings! She is very much looking forward to offering her support to the Governing Body at Tydd St Mary Primary.

**Neil Hunt (Parent Governor).** Neil is originally from near Manchester. He moved to the area in 2007 after joining the RAF and being stationed in Norfolk. His experience in Explosive Risk Management has seen him join the Health and Safety/ Premises Committee, while a keen head for Maths has seen him join the Finance Committee and become the schools Numeracy Governor. He also sits on the Staffing committee and really enjoys being a member of this proactive and involved Governing Body. Neil is also a keen sportsman; after retiring from Rugby he has just completed a 70.3 mile half distance Triathlon.

**David Smith (Foundation Governor).** David lives in long Sutton and is Director/owner of Pledgers in Long Sutton, although he has now retired. He is a parish minister in the Mid Elloe group of Church's. He feels honoured to have been asked to become a Governor at Tydd St Mary school and hopes to have some input which will benefit the school and the children.

## In other news

As part of the Governors' drive to improve efficiency we have recently been looking at innovative ways that would allow us to save money. One project that we have been looking at over the past two years is the prospect of installing Solar Panels. Whilst the initial outlay is quite high the return on investment is substantial and this is something that we will hopefully installing during 2017/2018. We are delighted that the Wind Farm has agreed to contribute almost half the installation costs which is enabling this project to go ahead.

It just leaves us to wish you a very happy summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September.