

## Dear Parent Carers,

Welcome to the relaunch of the Governor's Newsletter, by publishing a termly newsletter we hope to give a small insight to the role of the Governors workings of the school and how busy and interesting the days of learning are for your children.

## What we do— the Governing Board is made up as -

The Governing Board is made up of volunteers from all walks of life who meet 6 time a year and work closely throughout the year with Mrs. Harper and staff to help them make the right decisions for the school from Teaching and Learning to Health and Safety.

Attending regular intensive training sessions enables us to support and if required challenge the staff to ensure your children are given great opportunities to achieve their full potential in a welcoming and safe and stimulating environment.

We all enjoy coming into school to chat with the children and staff about the things they enjoy or don't as the case may be!!, celebrating the children's/school's successes and especially joining in activities in the classroom or outside if the weather is good – art weeks are a favourite, the messier the better for some of us.

## First school to achieve Rotherham's Charter Gold for the 3rd time.

Congratulations to Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Nota and all the staff, children and parents/carers for gaining this achievement. The Parent Group worked hard organising and preparing a scrumptious breakfast for Dr. Whiting and Mrs. Butcher the two Moderators for the scheme. They chatted with the parents before speaking to the School Council and the Children's University Ambassadors and finally with Mrs. Nota and Mrs. Harper before coming to their decision. The visit ended with two very impressed Moderators being given a guided tour of the school by representatives of the School council.



## Who We Are-

Mrs T. Harper (Headteacher)  
Mrs T. Stephenson (Deputy Head)  
Mrs G. Sargent (Y2 TA)  
Mrs S. Blackwell (Temporary Admin Assistant)

Mrs M. Carr (Acting Chair)  
Mr S. Fletcher (Acting Vice Chair)  
Mr S. Cooper

## Meet 2 of our Governors

### Mrs. S Blackwell

I grew up in Thurcroft and continue to live here with my family and have been a Governor since 2004 and Chair of Governors since 2007. I spent many happy hours helping in school when my sons were here and still enjoy joining in the many activities offered by the school. At the moment I am thoroughly enjoying covering Miss Frier's maternity leave and being part of school life especially getting to know the children and parents/carers. I feel the experience will enable me to gain a better understanding of how the school operates so that I can continue to help and support the school to the best of my ability

### Mr. Fletcher

At the moment I am the Acting Vice Chair of Governors but I became a Governor during the Autumn Term of 2017. Most of my working life has been in the realm of education being a Teacher and then a Headteacher in a number of Rotherham Schools before becoming a Executive Headteacher taking over a number of schools in need of support. I retired in 2005 to live in a small village in Scotland and returned twelve years later to be near our 3 grandchildren. I have always painted/sculpted and continue to do this but now I can add making toys for our grandchildren to my list of interests. I enjoy being part of the Governing Board and will do all I can to help parents, pupils and staff of the school.

Please turn over to see what we have been discussing and what is new this term for you and your child to share.

**What are we discussing.**

Governors discuss a variety of issues, some are statutory, and some are local which affect Thurcroft School only. One is for the school to join JMAT (James Montgomery Academy Trust) as part of the Southern Cluster along with other schools in the Learning Community. In preparation for this we have been and continue to meet with various representatives of the trust to discuss the legal requirements, benefits and timing of the procedures which we hope to complete next term.

**Changes to the Governing Board.**

We said "Good bye" and a big "Thank You" to two of our Governors last term – Mr. P Higginson and Mrs. C Brookes. Both have made a valuable contribution to our meetings and could often be seen around the school.

Another change is Mrs. M Carr is now Acting Chair of Governors as Mrs. S Blackwell can now be seen working on reception while she covers for Miss. Frier's maternity leave with Mr. M Fletcher stepping up as Vice Chair in place of Mrs. Carr.

**What is new this term**

We all know how important and enjoyable it is to read with our children as many times during the week as we can. Now you can have a change from reading the books from the classroom by borrowing a book from the school's new 'Reading for Enjoyment' bookshelves situated in the Reception area. Each book has been recommended by someone in school and has some information about why they have chosen that particular book. Once the book is read simply bring it back to school and choose another. Don't worry if the book you wanted is not available, we have book swap boxes there too! To use book swap take a book with a book swap sticker on, when you have finished with it you can bring it back and exchange it for another or even bring one in from home to swap (just add a book swap sticker) Remember to enter your reading times in your child's diary as it will count towards your child receiving book worms in class and the special reading certificates and prizes from Mrs Harper.

**We are Looking** for new members – if you are interested in becoming a Governor now or in the future please contact Mrs. Harper.

We hope this newsletter will show how busy and varied school life is. Thank you for your support and when you see any of us around school please come and say hello and have a chat.