

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 21

MELLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN MESSAGE FROM GOVERNORS

The governing body is a team of volunteers with different skills and backgrounds who all work hard to help the school to deliver the best possible education for our pupils. We believe that parents and carers are crucial in helping children succeed, and staff and governors are keen to work with you to help the school to be the best that it can be.

WHO ARE THE GOVERNORS?

The governing body comprises:

Headteacher	Vivienne Ainsworth Brown
Staff Governor	Joanne Hargreaves
Parent Governors	Lesley Anne Cantwell Claire Millen
Co-opted Governors	Kate Hogan (Chair) Lesley Bond Steve Duggan Dina Ouko Brian Lawlor (Vice Chair) Doreen Scott Andrew Kyle
Local Authority Governor	Beryl O'Brien
Clerk to the Governors	Susan Hart

You can find more information about our governors and governing body on our website.

Governor Visits

The full governing body meets at least once per half term to oversee the work of the governing body and ratify key decisions and policies. Governors also make regular visits to school for specific meetings relating to their link subject/role.

Contact the Governors

Many governors visit the school regularly and love to chat to parents, so please feel free to come and talk to us or leave a message at the school office. Our photographs are displayed in the foyer if you would like to put a face to a name.

Raising Concerns

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns. Governors rarely get involved in issues unless they cannot be resolved. Such issues would be escalated via the complaints procedure.

PURPOSE OF GOVERNANCE

There are 3 core functions of the governing body. They are:

- 1) Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- 2) Holding leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and pupils, and the performance management of staff
- 3) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW GOVERNORS

We are delighted to welcome two new parents to our Board of Governors:

Claire Millen has been appointed as Parent Governor. Claire is a parent of a YR pupil and is really looking forward to working alongside governors, staff and children.

Dina Ouko, is a parent, but has been appointed as a co-opted governor as her background and skill set is very much needed on the Governing Body.

We would like to thank both parents for applying and offering their time, talents and skills to enabling us to continue to evaluate and improve our practice to make Melling the best that it can be.

WHAT HAVE THE GOVERNORS BEEN INVOLVED WITH RECENTLY

GOVERNOR VISITS

Andrew Kyle has met with Louise Jones (SENCO and Pupil Premium Lead) to evaluate and monitor SEND procedures and to oversee the Pupil Premium action plan and spending of the Pupil Premium Grant. He has already reported back to The Finance Committee.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

Lesley Ann Cantwell and Kate Hogan have reviewed the Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy. An extract from this will now be sent out to parents/careers with a questionnaire to allow for parental views to be voiced. Last year's consultation did not produce any comments or questions.

Performance Management of Headteacher

Three governors met with an external consultant (an Ofsted Inspector) to review & set objectives for the Headteacher. These will be reviewed at each Full Governing Body meeting.

GOVERNORS' MESSAGE

As we are moving into the festive period, the Governors would like to wish all of our families a very merry Christmas and happy new year. We thank you for the support shown to school this term.

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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FROM YOUR GOVERNORS?

We would invite you to send this page back with three activities circled that you would want Governors to be doing:

1. Governor Coffee morning
2. Meet a governor surgery type sessions
3. Talk to children and to staff
4. Observe teaching
5. Parent-governor open sessions
6. Carry out learning walks in school to observe practice
7. Meet the Link Governor for a specific aspect of school eg SEND
8. A termly newsletter