



# Milford Governor Newsletter

*Acting strategically*

*Accountable to stakeholders*

*Ensuring financial integrity*

## A NOTE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

This year has been an excellent year for Milford School. The Governors have been delighted with the way all staff have worked tirelessly to secure our best ever outcomes for the children at the end of Key Stage One. Staff have worked collaboratively with Governors to ensure every child at Milford is working to the best of their ability in an environment that supports both the children and the staff who are so key to the school's success. A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes, with improvements to the safety and security of the school site, effective budgeting to ensure our long term sustainability and regular Governing Body meetings to hold School Leaders to account.

It has been great to see how the Friends of Milford School has continued to build its role over the school year, working ever closer with the school to make a difference, not only in providing funds but also developing a sense of community and support that is truly valued. A big thank you to Kelly Davidson and her volunteers for their work in this area. The Governors would also like to welcome Erika Keat as the new Chair of the Friends and are excited to see how things continue to develop.

The Senior Leadership Team and Governors continue to work to ensure the school remains financially viable and to secure the future of high quality local schooling for the community and this has been significantly strengthened this academic year by the formation of our Co-operative Schools group—The Godalming Learning Partnership, involving many of our closest schools. As part of this work, from September 2019 across our group of school we will be offering School Direct training for up to 6 students from the University of Winchester. This year we have had a successful Ofsted inspection, integrated new Governors into the team, lost Governors for different reasons and are planning to recruit new Governors in September/October 2019. Should this be of interest to you, please keep an eye out for emails and information in the newsletter. We are ideally looking for someone with Project Management experience as well as Finance expertise.

We would like to thank Maureen Holland for her time as a Governor and also Linda Chung, who have both had to take the decision to resign at this time. The door will always remain open and we wish them both well. The Governors would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Kirsty Morris for all that she has brought to our Governing Body meetings with detailed and well thought out budget and finance reports and advice and challenge where necessary. We wish her the best of luck in her new role at Busbridge Junior.

## WHO ARE THEY?

### Co-Chairs of Governors

Mrs Melanie Isherwood  
Mrs Emma Hardy

### Headteacher Governor

Mr Andrew Stear

### Staff Governor

Mrs Melissa Wells

### Co-opted Governor

Mrs Fiona Campbell  
Mrs Jacqueline Morris (effective  
10.7.19)  
Mr Justin Shreeve

### Parent Governors

Mr Luke Bozeat  
Mr Dan Keat

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

**The Board of Governors has been very busy throughout the last academic year. Here is a taster of what we have been doing:**

- Reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Improvement and Resources committees
- Reviewed Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and KS1 attainment and progress data
- Reviewed the School Development Plan and evaluations.
- Reviewed attendance data
- Reviewed Pupil Premium and Sports Premium expenditure and plans
- Approved annual teaching staff pay progression awards
- Carried out the Headteacher's Performance Review
- Approved budget forecasts
- Carried out health and safety walk-arounds
- Scrutinised the Headteacher's Report
- Reviewed website content against statutory requirements
- Reviewed and attended governor training

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- School Development Plan Review and Priority Setting 2019-20
- Focused Governor visits including Sports Premium Funding and SEND, British Values, Curriculum, Safeguarding

# MEET-A-GOV

## PRESENTING: MR JUSTIN SHREEVE, A CO-OPTED GOVERNOR

**1. Tell us about yourself, Justin**

I live locally and work at another school as School Secretary and Head's PA. Until five years ago I had a career in the art world, which I loved, but it was time for a less corporate and more rewarding work life.

**2. What is your favourite memory from your schooldays?**

At my first school I have very special memories of the school summer camp in Norfolk. There was a great sense of friendship and fun. Overall though, my favourite time in education was whilst studying for my A levels. I went to a Sixth Form College and I loved the freedom combined with the academic challenge. I met some of my greatest friends there and it was a more important experience to me than my university degree.

**3. Why did you want to become a Governor?**

I had been thinking about looking into school governorship for a couple of years when I was approached by a friend who was already a governor at Milford. I was keen to know more and was impressed when I met the Headmaster, Andrew, who gave me a tour of the school. I have been a governor for less than a year and hope to be a positive addition to the governing body.

**4. What has been the highlight of the Milford School Year for you?**

I am very much looking forward to the Milford Summer Production on the last day of term! I also feel very positive about the process of Milford becoming part of the Godalming Learning Partnership which I believe to be a great opportunity for Milford to further enhance the educational opportunities for every child.

## MORE INFO

*For further information about the Governors, please contact the Chairs of Governors on*

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