



# Milford Governor Newsletter

*Acting strategically*

*Accountable to stakeholders*

*Ensuring financial integrity*

## A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

This year has been an excellent year for Milford School. The Governors have been delighted with the way Mr Stear has embraced his role at school and worked collaboratively with Governors to ensure every child at Milford is working to the best of their ability in an environment that supports both them and the staff who are so key to the school's success. A lot of work (and investment) has been going on behind the scenes, from choosing a new Maths scheme and improving progress tracking to ensuring all staff have the opportunity for further professional development and get a clear set of objectives so that the appraisal process works effectively at all levels.

A real highlight for me has been seeing how the Friends of Milford has developed its role over the school year, working ever closer with the school to make a substantial difference, not only in providing funds to the school but developing a sense of community and support that is truly valued. A big thank you to Kelly Davidson and her volunteers for all of their work in this area.

The Senior Leadership 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. This year, we have articulated our vision for the school and are close to finalising our five year plan to ensure we maintain and improve our provision of education for future generations of local children.

## WHO ARE THEY?

### Chair of Governors

Mrs Jacqueline Morris

### Headteacher Governor

Mr Andrew Stear

### Staff Governor

Mrs Melissa Wells

### Co-opted Governor

Mrs Fiona Campbell

Mrs Maureen Holland

Mrs Melanie Isherwood

### Parent Governors

Mr Luke Bozeat

Ms Linda Chung

Mrs Emma Hardy

Mr Jimmy Heslop

## 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
- Involved in the working group for the School Development Plan and vision and mission document
- 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
- Carried out a survey to parents about the school and its Governors
- Made link governor visits (SEND, EYFS, Literacy, Computing and School Council)
- Received the Headteacher's Report
- Reviewed the policies
- Reviewed website content against statutory requirements
- Reviewed governor training
- Attended various training programmes including Safeguarding

## WHAT'S NEXT?

### **Next term:**

- School Development Plan Review and Priority Setting
- Focused Governor visits including regarding Sports Premium Funding and SEND



# MEET-A-GOV

PRESENTING: MRS MELANIE ISHERWOOD, A CO-OPTED GOVERNOR

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

Hello, I'm Melanie. I live in Chiddingfold with my husband, and my two children aged 16 and 10.

GCSEs have dominated the last six months in our household, along with my sports-mad daughters' activities. I'm currently not working full-time, having had a career spanning Education and Training in the corporate IT sector through to retail management.

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

My two favourite memories of school are bottles of milk at playtime (showing my age!) and the friendships I made which have stood the test of time.

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

I joined Milford School as a Governor as I was impressed by what I learnt from the Chair of Governors. I want to fully understand the workings of the School, add value and contribute to its success

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

My highlight of the year has been in attending the Head's workshop where all the staff were invited to build the vision and core actions for the year moving forward. It was a truly inclusive and valuable day for the future direction of Milford School

## MORE INFO

*For further information about the Governors, please contact Jackie Morris on [jmorris@milford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jmorris@milford.surrey.sch.uk)*

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*<http://www.milford.surrey.sch.uk/website/governors/139643>*

