



THRESHFIELD

PRIMARY SCHOOL

May 2018

Governor Newsletter - Summer 2018

Welcome back to the Summer term. We hope you all enjoyed the Easter Break.

The Governing Body is delighted to introduce three new members of the board. Firstly, Sonia Coulton has taken over as Staff Governor from Bethany Alexander. Most of you will already know Miss Coulton who has been Kingfishers class teacher since January. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Alexander for all her hard work serving as a Governor over the past few years and for her continued dedication to the school.

We would also like to welcome Antony Booth as a Co-opted Governor. Mr Booth brings with him a wealth of knowledge and governance experience, most recently as Chair of Governors at Skipton Academy.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that Paul Amourdedieu has joined us as a Co-opted Governor. With a background in marketing and public relations, Mr Amourdedieu brings much needed expertise in this area.

There is still a vacancy on the Governing Board so if you are interested in finding out what this might involve, please contact any member of the Governing Body. If you don't know who we are please speak to Mrs Whitaker who can give you our contact details.

As you know, school is expecting an Ofsted inspection this term, and our aim is to secure at least a 'good' rating. Ofsted look at everything from pupil progress and results to attendance, and from quality of teaching and learning to school governance. The staff and Governors are doing all they can to be in the best possible position for this inspection which could come at any time. One way you can help is to give your views on the school at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. Once you have registered, it only takes a minute to answer the 12 multiple choice questions and both parents can give their views. We really appreciate your continued support for the school.

The Governors would also like to welcome the pupils and parents who have joined the school recently. We hope the children have settled in well and would like to thank Mr Cook and the staff for their fantastic work and enthusiasm which is reflected in the continued increase in pupil numbers.

We are pleased to announce that school has received a very generous donation of £5,000 from Swinden Quarry. We are very grateful to the quarry for this contribution which will be used to provide a rich and varied curriculum for our pupils. Threshfield School, like other rural schools, continues to face significant funding pressure. We do not have access to local community funds and we increasingly rely on local businesses



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for donations. We would also like to thank the Fountaine Inn for their continued support through the Chips for Trips contribution and also those parents who have made personal donations to the school.

Finally, we would like to recognise the substantial work of the Friends of Threshfield in organising a wide range of events to raise money for the school. We are thankful for their tireless efforts and ongoing support.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the *Governors* if you have a query relating to the governance of the school.

With warm wishes,

Sophie Caygill

Vice Chair of Governor