



THRESHFIELD

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Governor Newsletter – September 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the start of the new academic year, and especially to those new families who are new to Threshfield School. We hope you and your children settle in quickly to school life. We are delighted to have 62 pupils in the school, including 14 in Reception.

As Governors, we would like to congratulate the staff on an excellent Ofsted Inspection at the end of last term. They have put in an incredible amount of hard work to ensure that Threshfield was judged as 'good' in all areas and we are pleased that their consistent dedication has paid off. Our Ofsted parent-view survey showed that 100% of parents said that they would recommend the school to others, which is a fantastic commendation. The Ofsted Inspection report is available to read in full on the school website.

Our focus and priority continues to be on outcomes for pupils. We are proud that following our consultation with parents in October 2017, we have been able to remain an independent school with our own Headteacher, whilst maintaining a stable class structure. This has been possible due to rising pupil numbers, substantial fundraising by Friends of Threshfield, a donation from Swinden Quarry and other cost saving measures.

Please keep telling your friends and neighbours what a wonderful school we have at Threshfield. We have capacity for more pupils to join the school, and Mr Cook is very happy to show prospective parents around.

There have been a few changes in the Governing Body. Peter Cannings, who joined us for a two year period in 2016 to lead the Governing Body as we worked towards the Ofsted Inspection, has now stepped down. We are deeply grateful to him for his commitment and dedication to the school. He leaves Threshfield in a much stronger position and we are pleased that he will continue to help the school in an advisory capacity.

We are delighted that Natasha Midgely has been elected as our new Chair of Governors. Natasha has been a Parent Governor for the past two years and chairs the Resources Committee.

Antony Booth, a Co-opted Governor, has been elected Vice-Chair of Governors. Previously Chair of Governors at Skipton Academy, Antony's experience in governance and education has already proven invaluable, and we are thrilled that he has agreed to take on this role.

Paul Amourdedieu recently joined as a Parent Governor and brings a wealth of experience in PR, marketing and organisational change which we hope to put to good use to support and promote the school.

Sadly, one of our Governors, Michael Harrison, was involved in a farming accident earlier this year. He has been on the Governing Body for over twenty years and we wish him a very speedy and full recovery.



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The other members of the Governing Body are Angela Cannings (Co-opted Governor), Sophie Caygill (Co-opted Governor), Richard Cook (Headteacher), Sonia Coulton (Staff Governor), Peter Huff (Foundation Governor), and Hannah Peace (Parent Governor).

We currently have vacancies for two Co-opted Governors that we hope you might be interested in. These can be filled by parents or friends in the local community. If you would be interested in joining the Governing Body, please speak to Natasha or Richard, who would be happy to talk through what is involved.

We wish pupils and staff a fantastic school year.

The Governors