

Stocks Green Primary School

Governor Newsletter

October 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

In our first newsletter of the year, on behalf of all Governors I would like to welcome new pupils, parents and staff to our Stocks Green School family. It is both amazing and a testament to staff, parents and carers working together that the transition for pupils and induction for new pupils, including our youngest members in YR, is seamless.

The academic year 2023 - 2024. saw validation by Ofsted in March that Stocks Green Primary School continues to be a good school. As Governors we were overwhelmed by the positive response to the pre-Inspection questionnaire by Parents and Carers. The Ofsted visit also confirmed that the school is making excellent progress, safeguarding is effective and progress is on the right track. Above all the report caught the essence of Stocks Green Primary School with happy engaged pupils and staff who all go above and beyond to enhance the educational experience of the children

Our thanks also go to everyone, as members of the PTA, but most of all to the PTA Committee whose drive and enthusiasm has resulted in an outstanding financial contribution to school funds. We have many happy memories of Stocksfest, the vision of Mr Till our Site Manager, drummer and man of many talents, which became reality on a memorable sunny day in June. School and local community working together for the pupils at Stocks Green Primary School. Behind every successful school fund raising venture is a determined, visionary and enthusiastic PTA.

As school Governors our role is to act as 'critical friends' and make strategic decisions as a group, whilst the operational management of the school remains the responsibility of the School leadership team. Part way through last year the membership of the Senior Leader team (SLT) were reviewed. Leading the team is Mr Hipkiss, Headteacher supported by Mr Endersby, continuing in his role as Deputy Head and Mrs Newton who was newly appointed as Assistant Head.

School Vision and Strategic Priorities

Following Mr Hipkiss's consultation with all stakeholders a newly developed Vision for Stocks Green Primary School was agreed and shared. This vision includes, our vision for our whole School Community, for our Pupils and for our Staff.

This vision underpins the School Improvement plan (SIP) and our strategic priorities continue to be based upon the following themes, Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management, EYFS Provision, Buildings and Grounds and finally Governance.

Governor Committees are responsible for monitoring priorities and progress which are reported on in their minutes. Committees are responsible for reporting to the FGB whose minutes can be found in the Governor section on the school website. All minutes are recorded by the Clerk to Governors.

Governors ensure that the school fulfils its duty of care through its policies and protocols and above all, training for staff. Policies underpin every aspect of school management and fall under the headings of Statutory, as determined by the DfE, and Non-Statutory which are additional and determined by individual schools. Policies are mostly created by the SLT and staff, Governors review them and they are shared with Parents and Carers, either directly or on the School Website.

Governing Body Membership and responsibilities

We meet both as a full Governing Body and in school subcommittees regularly throughout the year, monitoring the performance of school closely. The sub committees are Finance and Premises (F&P), Pay and Performance (P&P), and Standards and Curriculum (S&C); all meetings are held in school. As Governors we are supported in our expectations by the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Department for Education (DfE).

Name & Appointment	Committee	Responsibility
Diana Ayling Co-opted by GB	P & P and S & C	Early Years; SEN
Rob Chewter Co-opted by GB	P & P	Chair of FGB /Chair of P&P
June Cooke LA governor	S & C	Vice chair of FGB/Chair of S&C Safeguarding
Ruth Dixon Co-opted by GB	P & P and S & C	Vice-chair of S&C Governor Induction, Training and development, Website
Joe Endersby Associate Member	S&C	SEND SLT
Peter Hipkiss Headteacher	All committees	Headteacher SLT
Sally Johnson	All committees	Clerk to Governors
Rebecca Mackay Parent governor elected	S & C	OPAL
Alan McLean Co-opted by GB	F & P	Chair of F&P Health and Security
William Moore Parent governor elected	Vice-chair F & P	Vice-chair F & P GDPR & Cyber Security
Bridget Salmon Co-opted by GB	P & P	Headteacher appraisal Wellbeing
Janet Scott Associate Member	F & P	School Business Manager
Emily Scott Staff Governor	S & C	Teacher Representative
Holly Taylor Co-opted by GB	Not yet assigned	TBC
Dave Wallace Co-opted by GB	P&P Vice-chairman P & P	Vice-chairman P & P
Andrea Woollett Co-opted governor	F & P	

Governor's photos can be found in the school Entrance Hall.

Governor Meeting Schedule

Autumn Meeting Dates 2024

FGB Full Governing Body	F&P Finance & Premises	P&P Pay & Performance	S&C Standards & Curriculum
15 October	8 October	1 October	2 October

Spring Meeting Dates 2025

FGB Full Governing Body	F&P Finance & Premises	P&P Pay & Performance	S&C Standards & Curriculum
4 March (All day)	14 January	28 January	22 January

Summer Meeting Dates 2025

FGB Full Governing Body	F&P Finance & Premises	P&P Pay & Performance	S&C Standards & Curriculum
20 May 8 July	13 May	1 July	

How to contact us

If you would like to contact the Governors to raise any issue in confidence, you can do so by letter via the School Office, please address correspondence to Rob Chewter, Chair of Governors or by email: governors@stocks-green.kent.sch.uk

For more information, visit our Governors section on the school website:

www.stocksgreenprimary.co.uk/governors

We look forward to working together throughout this coming year

Best Wishes

Rob Chewter
Chair of Governors