



Mrs Trudi Toms
Headteacher



Mrs Kerry Hattersley
Chair of Governors

Autumn Term 2018-19

Welcome to the Autumn Term Governors' Newsletter. The first term is now well underway, and all classes have been busy both in and out of school. Some fabulous poppy displays were created for the church, which looked beautiful for a special Remembrance Sunday. Plans are now in full swing for Christmas parties and performances, which we governors always look forward to! The Year 6 children have been on their residential to Boggle Hole, and charitable events such as Children in Need have been supported in school.

ACADEMY UPDATE

Following an inaugural meeting of the new Trust, more information has been submitted to the Department for Education in order for them to assess our application to become an Academy. All proposed schools continue to reach out to similar school to ensure the Academy is built of like minded schools with shared values.

Our PTA..

Did you know we have a PTA in school, who are always looking to raise money? The PTA meet once a term, and if you are interested in being involved you should speak to either office in the first instance.

Visits to School

One responsibility of a governor is to undertake visits to school, usually for their area of responsibility (set out on the back page). This term Kerry Hattersley has undertaken visits to look at safeguarding, equality and anti-bullying procedures in school. Judy Reid, Pat Jones and Jo Hawkrige come every week to hear the children read and work in class. All our visit reports are published on the website should you wish to see more information.



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding in school is of course a key area of responsibility. Having thought long and hard about the improvements we can make in this area, we recently advertised for the role of Learning Mentor for Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Pastoral Support. We were very pleased with the number of applications we received for this important post, and have recruited Mr James Rawlinson, who brings experience of sports and extended services. This role may not be particularly visible to parents, but it helps reassure that we continue to prioritise key areas of focus. Welcome to Mr Rawlinson who has joined us in recent weeks!

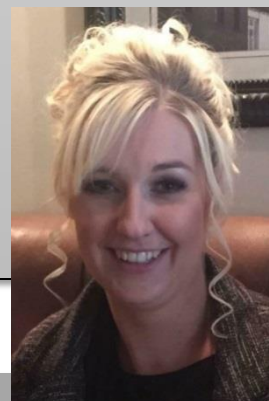
Parents will no doubt have seen the letter from Mrs Toms regarding the building of new houses on the field next to the school. As governors, we were disappointed by the article in the Advertiser's suggestion that we had personally made comments about the proposals. Rather, a general letter of concerns was quoted, which was not fully reflected in the article. The governors support the school and believe that there are some safeguarding concerns that need to be addressed before the green light as given. We felt that to give the opinion that we had surrendered to the allure of a new classroom was unfair and, more importantly, completely untrue!



After several years on the Governing Board, Mrs Oakley is stepping aside, whilst continuing with her job in school. As governors we have really valued the contribution Donna has made, so thank you Donna, from us all! Mrs Shaw will take over, and she is introduced on the next page.

Meet our new Staff Governor – Mrs Lisa Shaw.

- **Where did you train / go to university?** I went to Hillsborough college to complete my A Levels. I then went on to do my teaching degree, BA (HONS) Primary Education with QTS at Sheffield Hallam University. Recently, I returned to university to do a PgCert Special Educational Needs Co-ordination (National Award for SEN Co-ordination).
- **Who inspires you?** I was inspired to go into teaching by my primary school teachers when I was in Junior School. I knew from an early age that I wanted to teach and often played 'schools' and 'teachers' as a child. My mum inspires me because she has such a kind and caring heart and I hope to be the wonderful lady she is!
- **What is your best quality?** I would like to think that people think that I am a hard-working, dedicated teacher and a wonderful friend to have.
- **Who is special in your life?** My family and friends. I don't know what I would do without them and they all support me in everything that I do.
- **What would be your super power?** Super organised woman!!
- **What was the last thing that made you laugh?** The amazing children in my class. They brighten my day and we make sure we always have a laugh every day.
- **What is the best thing about your job?** Everything. I love helping children and being part of the best school in Rotherham and Indeed the World. I am a very lucky lady!
- I am very passionate about SEND and enjoy my additional role in school.
- **Full English Breakfast or porridge?** Full English breakfast with extra hash browns!
- **What is your goal for next year?** To try and overcome my fear of heights (Kingswood here I come!)
- **Dog or cat?** Dog. I am surrounded by crazy Springer Spaniels and often dog sit for my sister and mum. I LOVE dogs.
- **What is your favourite book?** War Horse by Micheal Murpurgo
- **What is your favourite film?** Disney films 😊
- **What is your favourite subject to teach? Why?** Maths. I have always loved maths puzzles and solving mathematical problems.
- **What are your hobbies and interests?** I enjoy socialising with friends and family and like to go to the cinema and watch films. I also enjoy visiting new places and dog walking. Occasionally, I go horse riding and attend horse events helping my sister with her horse.
- **Do you have children?** No, but I have the 28 gorgeous children in my class :-)
- **What is your favourite pizza topping?** BBQ chicken and sweetcorn or pepperoni
- **Why are you a teacher? What made you choose this job?** Because I want to make a difference to our citizens of the future. I like helping children to reach their full potential.
- **Where is your favourite holiday destination?** America, particularly Las Vegas. I have only visited this place once but would love to go back there again!
- **When is your favourite time of year in school?** Autumn Term.
It is lovely to meet your new class and it is full of celebrations such as Harvest and Christmas. There's of fun and exciting things that happen in school during this time.





Governor Awards

We absolutely love giving out governor awards, and hope that you are really proud of the children who are nominated by staff in school.



Summer Term 2018 Winners:

FS –Oscar Sykes, Elspeth Ibbotson, Logan Bentley, Lucy Childs, Evie Raynor, Lily O’Brien, Lily-Mae Fuller, Matilda Marsden, Alice Swift, James Bamford.

Year 1 - Maisey Walker, Lily-Ann Conlen, Amelia Fulwood, Rufus Allott, Sonny Vernon, Harriett Hainsworth, Jacob Slack, Kobie Cross, Ellie Chapman, caleb Pierson, Thomas Walker, Maisie-Rae Cassidy, Howie Appleby, Cameron Hinton-Walsh.

Year 2 - Winner: Nevaeh Blake, Tyler Gibson, Rileyb Robinson, Darcey Hird, Oscar Palac, Loloa Knight, Sam Nixon, Lily Varley.

Year 3 – Nichlas Smallridge, Brandon Bell, Emily Atkinson, Freya Dawson, Jacob Leatham, Daniel Laycock

Year 4 – James Stephens, Ruby Houghton-Jones, Edward Bailey, Charlie-Lexi Baldwin, Harry Denial, Joel Standell, Ruby Morgan, Mia Tinker, Oscar Calvert,

Year 5 - Winner: Zach Dawson, Emily Scattergood, Lily Howe, Alycia Mayfield, Alfie Lambert, Imogen Travis, Milly Brasher, Ellie Antcliff

Year 6. – All our Year 6 pupils received an award, an unprecedented occurrence!

Who we are

Our Governors give up their time each term to provide support, guidance and offer expertise to the school. All of our governors are passionate about Thorpe Hesley Primary School and want to help the school succeed. Please find details of us, our responsibilities, and our link to school, below.

Name	Role (Area of responsibility)	Link to school
Trudi Toms	Head Teacher	Head teacher!
Kerry Hattersley	Chair of Full Governing Board and Finance, Staffing and Buildings Sub Committee Vice Chair of Pay Committee Safeguarding, Equality and Website	Children have been through school
Andrew Askwith	Chair of Pay Committee Vice Chair of Finance, Staffing and Buildings Sub Committee	Jacob in Y1
Andrew Sowerby	Vice Chair ICT, Pupil Progress and Data	Children have been through school many years ago
Alison Briddock	Training and Development	Thomas in Year 6
Joanne Hawkridge	Chair of Curriculum, Data and Safeguarding Foundation Stage	Lily in Y5, Jude Y2
Pat Jones	Literacy and PE	Grandchildren have been through school
Martin Laycock	GDPR Wellbeing	Daniel in Year 4
Lisa Shaw	Vice Chair of Curriculum, Data and Safeguarding Staff Governor	Staff member
Judy Reid	Co-opted Governor	Child has been through school many years ago
Sarah Scott	Special Educational Needs Inclusion and Pupil Premium	Ben in Year 5, Millie in Year 3

Contact us:
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Or please contact the
relevant Governor if
you have a specific query