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## Summer Term 2018-19

Welcome to the Summer Term Governors' Newsletter. School life has been as busy as ever – our Year 2 and 6 students in particular have been very busy preparing for their SATs, and everyone was impressed with the outstanding attitude and hard work they put in. They have all tried their very best.

The governors have seen some very exciting school trips taking place (we wanted to come) and are looking forward to sports day and other opportunities to meet parents. With the Year 6 prom to come the last few weeks of the school year promise to be very exciting.

### Parking around School

A frequent complaint in and around school is the parking situation. Parents are understandably concerned about inconsiderate, and at times, dangerous parking. School takes this issue as seriously as it can and has in the past referred to the Local Authority, MPs, the Police and even set up a campaign to slow traffic entering the area: #40istoofast. Despite this, the issues remain and as governors, we wondered if parents would be prepared to help by coming up with innovative solutions?

Ideas include: setting up 'pick-up clubs' where a group of parents/guardians rotate collection of a few children, and perhaps take to a meeting place offsite or at home; consciously choosing to walk to school where possible at least once a week; and 'friendly traffic wardening' where volunteers patrol the areas and remind people **politely** of safe parking. Please contact the school office if you have any ideas and are prepared to help.

Remember, school would much rather parents attend a few minutes\* late than risk the safety of our students and their siblings by parking dangerously. Unfortunately without a daily police presence there we believe a solution can only be found with the involvement of everyone in our community.

Remember parents are NOT to drive down the drive at any time.

*\*NOTE 'A few minutes' late – all our staff are hard working and have meetings/ marking and preparation to do outside of school time. Any child left more than 10 minutes without advance notice will be put into our Woodlies wraparound provision where there is likely to be a charge.*





## The Creative Children's Academy Trust is now live!

After a VERY long process involving multiple visits, meetings and messages backwards and forwards with the Department for Education, the paperwork was approved last term. Work is now underway to officially move Thorpe Hesley Primary School into a brand-new Academy Trust, that has been established with Anston Greenlands Primary School and Redscope Primary School. Governors wish to thank in particular Mrs Toms and the Clerk to the Trust, Adele Humphries, who worked tirelessly on behalf of the school to ensure the application was approved. It is unlikely that parents will see any real difference when the move is made official (likely in the New Year). All three schools are already working closely together to share their best practice and continuously improve children's experiences in school, and the ethos of the Academy is that individual identities would be preserved, so there will be no change in uniform or personnel for example. However, collaboration with the other schools will result in improved curriculum and practice.

You will have no doubt seen the sign on the field outside the school regarding the new Jones housing estate. No further contact with the school has been made, and unfortunately no mention of the funding that was promised to the Local Authority for education in connection with us. We have no control whatsoever over where the money goes and would love to think it would come to this school – we recently looking into installing a temporary classroom but at around £100 thousand pounds this was WAY outside our budget. Unfortunately we have seen it too many times in the past that money is diverted to other schools in the locality, so this is unlikely to impact the school in any positive way.

### Our PTA..

We have a few parents (and some staff who volunteer to run our PTA, but in this climate of education cuts we believe we are 'missing a trick' in this area. Please let either office know if you are interested in raising money for the school – we are open to any new (or old) ideas! PTA volunteers can be parents, grandparents, guardians or just friends of the school!

## Visits to School

Our governors take their responsibilities seriously and have been undertaking school visits. In recent weeks Kerry Hattersley has undertaken visits to look at safeguarding, equality and anti-bullying procedures in school. Sarah Scott has been in to look at SEND and one for Vulnerable Pupils, and both Judy Reid and Jo Hawkrige come in regularly to hear the children read.

In addition the governors provided independent witness to the SATs exams by ensuring that someone was on hand to monitor the process. Feedback from our feeder schools has always been that our children are well prepared for secondary school and continue on their trajectory, which we believe is testament to the standard of teaching in school and proper handling of government exams. Some of our teachers are independent assessors for other schools and share their best-practise across the locality and beyond.

All our visit reports are published on the website should you wish to see more information.



# 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.

## Spring Term Winners:

**FS** –Elijah, Erin, Kate, Miller, Millie, Teddy, Harry W, Isabelle D, Eva, Jaxen, Ivy, Ted, Archie W, Brody C, Brooke, Finley E, Silva, Zosia , Amelia J, Jack, Casey, Sofia.

**Year 1** - Leah, Evan, Lily M, Harry D, Alice, Jacob S, Isla, Alexa. Ronnie.

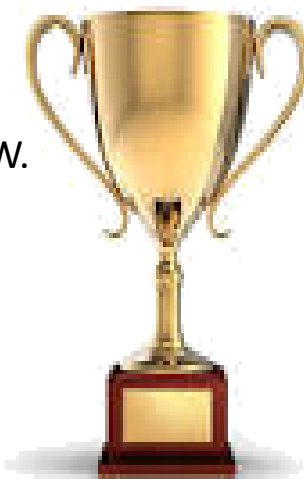
**Year 2** - Molly, Howie, Lexie, Freya, Cameron, Charlie-Rae, Harley, Alexis, Rufus, Lewis, Lucy N.

**Year 3** – Archie A, Benjamin, Millie, Harry, Isabel W.

**Year 4** – Lily M, Eva, Alex, Ryan, Rhilen.

**Year 5** - Emily, Alicia, Alexander, Harrison, Ben S, Olivia W.

**Year 6**- Jack, Darcy, Lily, Rudy .



Staff will once again be nominating children for awards at the end of the summer term. We always do the Year 6 awards before the end of term as so many of our lovely pupils leave us for early transition to their secondary settings.

# 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	Staff Governor	Head teacher!
Kerry Hattersley	Chair of Full Governors and of Finance Staffing and Buildings sub committee Safeguarding, Anti Bullying and Equality Governor	Children have been through school
Andrew Askwith	Vice Chair of Finance Staffing and Buildings sub committee Maths Governor	Jacob in Y2
Alison Briddock	Training and Development Governor	Thomas in Year 6 Works in school
Joanne Hawkrige	Chair of Curriculum, Data and Safeguarding sub committee Early Years and Foundation Stage Governor	Lily in Y5, Jude Y2
Sarah Hewitt	Associate Governor – Assistant Head	Works in school
Pat Jones	Literacy Governor PE Funding Governor Foundation Subjects Governor	Grandchildren have been through school
Martin Laycock	GDPR Governor Wellbeing Governor	Daniel in Year 4
Judy Reid	Co-opted Governor	Child has been through school
Lisa Shaw	Staff Governor Vice Chair of Curriculum, Data and Safeguarding sub committee	Works in school
Sarah Scott	Vice Chair of Full Governors Special Educational Needs Governor Inclusion and Pupil Premium	Ben in Year 5, Millie in Year 3
Louise Smelt	Associate Governor - Science	Children have been through school
Andrew Sowerby	Vice Chair of Full Governors ICT, Pupil Progress and Data	Children have been through school
Sarah Stephenson	Associate Governor – Assistant Head	Works in school
Helen Screaton	Clerk to the Governing Body	Works in school

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