

Governors' Newsletter

Thorpe Hesley Primary School



Mrs Trudi Toms
Headteacher



Mrs Kerry Hattersley
Chair of Governors

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Welcome to the Governors newsletter, which allows a full review of all the fantastic things that have been on offer. If you ever get a chance to pop into school, in the junior and infant building entrances are lovely timeline displays showing the activities that happen in school. You'll be amazed that so much goes on! At the end of last term parents and governors had the opportunity to see the children in their Easter bonnets at church – the children were really well behaved, as ever, and the head wear just gets more and more inventive!

For governors, we have had to say goodbye to our amazing clerk, who has served this school for over 10 years, but who, as a clerk to eight other schools across Rotherham, will be missed wider than just in Thorpe Hesley. Our Ofsted visit is overdue – so we are busy preparing for this in order to showcase the great achievements in school, plus undergoing an independent audit into the governing board to ensure it is fit for purpose.

As ever, we hope you find this newsletter informative. Please do let any one of us know if there is something specific you would like to see covered in here.

It's all about the MON£Y...

Parents will have noted the recent letter regarding school funding with concern. As governors, we are very worried that our funding is so low when compared to schools in our locality that are similar to us. We have raised the issue with our local MP and with Rotherham Local Authority to try and understand why our budget is so affected. Doubtlessly this will impact our students in the future, but we will work with the head teacher and the Senior Leadership team to minimise the impact.



Soon we have to say a very sad goodbye to Mrs Reasbeck, who is retiring at the end of the academic year after many years in Thorpe Hesley school. We will miss her terribly, she is a fond part of the furniture and the children love her.

But we do wish her well in her retirement, and hope she pops in to see us often.

We couldn't let this newsletter go without recording our thanks and appreciation for Philip Wood, our very knowledgeable and very experienced clerk. Philip has been there for every meeting, providing minutes (and guidance, and an occasional eyebrow) for over 10 years. He is moving to Scotland to enjoy his retirement closer to family and we wish him a very happy retirement. We will miss you Philip!

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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. This term's fabulous winners are:

Governor Awards April 2017		
F1	Green Class	Lucy Childs : Evan Platts
F2	Yellow Class	Hannah Critch : Jacob Slack : Katie Hayward
	Red Class	Amelia Fulwood : Harriet Hainsworth
	Blue Class	Keegan Ellis : Maisie-Rae Cassidy
Years 1 and 2	Class 1	Erin Brooke: Max Dearne : Daniel Riley : Daisy Thorpe
	Class 2	Elliott Lack : Madisyn Johnston-Stankiewicz : Brooke Butterfield : Jacob Tordoff
	Class 3	Liam Thorpe : Ashleigh Nowill : Toby Finney : Jasmine Walker
	Class 4	Kira Fletcher-Saville : Kirsty Blunn : Mason Leach
	Class 5	Harry Goulty : Lucy Knapton : Jack Watson
Year 3	Class 6	Alexander Wiseman
	Class 7	Roman Martin : Leon Zefi
	Class 8	Ameera-Leigh Kelly : Thomas Greaves
Year 4	Class 9	Imogen Travis
	Class 10	Jake Barsby Wyatt : Keira Fuller
	Class 11	Ellie Antcliff : Thomas Higgins
Year 5	Class 12	Evie Smith : Ryan Boddy : Mellissa Ellis
	Class 13	Willem Critch
Year 6	Class 14	Thomas Marson
	Class 15	Grace Burgin
	Class 16	Vivienne Marshall : Molly Warren

Visits this term...

Governing Boards are modernising, and are asked to play a key part in school leadership. To support this, governors are encouraged to attend relevant training, and within this school we assign specialisms, then make visits in school to check on and understand actions and progress in this area. This term Kerry Hattersley has met with Mrs Toms to look at Equality and Safeguarding in school, Jo Hawkridge has visited the Foundation stage and Sarah Scott has visited to look at support for pupil premium and vulnerable children. Visit reports are available should you wish to find out more.

More about us...

We've given you an overview of each of our governors now, so we thought we should take this opportunity to shine the spotlight on a teacher. This time, we introduce you to Mr Parkin, who has agreed to be our first victim volunteer!

Survey time...

Thank you to those of you who have gone online and given your views. As governors we are very interested in the results and how the school is viewed. Please log on through parentview to give your views on our school, and remember, if you have any issues that you do not feel have been dealt with, as governors we are always here to help!

Mr Parkin

- 1. Where did you train / go to university?** I trained to be a teacher at Edge Hill University, which is in Ormskirk, Lancashire.
- 2. Who inspires you?** I have always been inspired by my mum and dad, professionally, personally, and how they lived their lives together.
- 3. What is your best quality?** Positivity
- 4. Who is special in your life?** My wife Laura, my dog Toby, and then my close friends and family.
- 5. What would be your super power?** Teleportation – with marking books quickly a close second.
- 6. What was the last thing that made you laugh?** The recent episodes of Car Share.
- 7. What is the best thing about your job?** The smiles on the children's faces when they have succeeded.
- 8. Full English Breakfast or porridge?** Full English 100%
- 9. What is your goal for next year?** The same as always, to be the best I can.
- 10. Dog or cat?** Dog
- 11. Who would you invite to a dream dinner party?** James Corden, Steven Gerrard, Taylor Swift, my dad.
- 12. What is your favourite book?** I love the Hunger Games Trilogy (especially the first one)
- 13. What is your favourite film?** The Harry Potter films
- 14. What is your favourite subject to teach? Why?** My favourite subject to teach is maths. It is something that I really enjoyed growing up at school and that has continued in my teaching.
- 15. What are your hobbies and interests?** I play football on a weekly basis and follow Barnsley FC.
- 16. Do you have children?** No
- 17. What is your favourite pizza topping?** I like BBQ chicken or pepperoni.
- 18. Why are you a teacher?** What made you choose this job? After I realised I wasn't going to make it as a professional footballer, becoming a teacher like my mum was something that interested me a lot. I have always gone into my mum's school – and speak to her most days now about what is going on at Thorpe Hesley.
- 19. Where is your favourite holiday destination?** The favourite place I have been to so far is Florida and seeing Micky Mouse at Disney.
- 20. When is your favourite time of year in school?** The summer term – when the sun is out and the children are enjoying the weather and the field. It is also Sports Day – possibly the best school day in the year for me.

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 Safeguarding, Equality and Website	Isabelle in Year 5
Andrew Sowerby	Vice Chair ICT, Pupil Progress and Data	Children have been through school
Alison Briddock	Staffing and Curriculum Chair Training and Development	Thomas in Year 4
Emma Crarer	Premises, Health and Safety Committee Chair Mathematics	Alena in Year 5
Joanne Hawkrige	Foundation Stage	Lily in Y3, Jude F2
Pat Jones	Staffing and Finance Committee Chair Literacy and PE	Grandchildren have been through school
Eileen Leeson	Science	Children have been through school
Donna Oakley	Staff Governor	Ayla in Year 2
Judy Reid	Co-opted Governor	Child has been through school
Louise Reasbeck	Associate Member	Children have been through school
Sarah Scott	Special Educational Needs Inclusion and Pupil Premium	Ben in Year 3, Millie in Y1
Louise Smelt	Science	Children have been through school
Helen Sreaton	Clerk to the Governing Body	She says its temporary.....

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