

**This is the first termly edition of The Governors' News! We aim to keep you regularly updated on the work of the Governing Board.**



Firstly, the governors and I would like to officially welcome Miss Olivia Palmer as the new Headteacher of Wyke Primary School. Miss Palmer has been busy this term ensuring that the school is following current policies and procedures directed from both local and national levels to ensure that we, as a school community, are compliant and in line with other schools. We are grateful to Miss Palmer for her wealth of knowledge, particularly with regard to safeguarding.

Miss Palmer has introduced several new initiatives to the school, including peer massage. She has also brought a new member of staff on board; Noodle, our school dog, joined us recently and is already very popular amongst governors, staff, pupils and parents! We look forward to hearing about his progress and the positive impact he will have in our school.

Congratulations to Miss Palmer on a successful start to her time with us here at Wyke Primary School. We are very much looking forward to working with Miss Palmer over the coming years.

## Who are the Governors?

The Governors at Wyke are all either members of the community, representatives of the Local Authority, parents or staff. Currently our Governing Board membership stands at 13. We are:

- Mrs Alison Beall (Chair/Authority Governor)
- Mrs Philippa Turnbull (Vice Chair/Parent Governor)
- Mrs Helen Covell (Co-opted Governor)
- Mrs Emma Crosfield (Parent Governor)
- Mrs Elizabeth Ingham (Co-opted Governor)
- Dr Tim Moldram (Staff Governor)
- Miss Olivia Palmer (Headteacher)
- Mrs Valerie Potheary (Co-opted Governor)
- Mrs Hilary Rose (Co-opted Governor)
- Mrs Tamar Shanks (Parent Governor)
- Mrs Sarah Snook (Co-opted Governor)
- Mrs Julie Yeates (Co-opted Governor)
- Mrs Lia Amery (Clerk to the Governing Board)

## What is the role of the Governing Board at Wyke?

The role of the Governing Board is to work closely with the Headteacher and staff to provide the very best education that we can for the children of our school.

*Last term we worked on...*

### Safeguarding

We have reviewed the new Keeping Children Safe in Education and Child Protection policies to ensure they are in line with current legislation.

### School Development Plan

The School Development Plan Group Operating Party (SDPOP) met with staff in order for us to understand the details of the School Development Plan.

### Data

We have looked at how our children are progressing in English and Maths.

### Books at Bedtime

Governors came to Wyke and read books to groups of children, which we all enjoyed!

### Supporting our Acting Headteacher

We supported our Acting Headteacher Mrs Laura Turvey in her difficult task of managing the school after Mr Crumpler's departure and prior to Miss Palmer's arrival.

## Introducing...

### Mrs Alison Beall – Chair of Governors

Alison has been a Governor at Wyke since 2013 (she was a Governor in a London school prior to the move to Wyke), Chair of Governors since September 2015 and is the Authority Governor.

As Chair, Alison leads the team of Governors, chairs meetings of the Governing Board and works closely with the Headteacher and School Leadership Team.

When not being a Governor, Alison is an exam invigilator, a grandmother and a volunteer at Gillingham FoodBank.