

Hemingbrough Primary School

Annual School Governors Report

Governors

Ruth Waters –
Chair, co-opted governor
6/6 meetings attended

Carolyn Bell –
Vice-Chair (outgoing), parent
governor and Chair of
School Improvement
Committee
4/6 meetings attended

Stuart Ballantyne –
local authority governor and
Chair of Resources
Committee
5/6 meetings attended

Ben Bowers –
Vice-Chair (ingoing), parent
governor
6/6 meetings attended

Susan Penistone –
co-opted governor
5/6 meetings attended

Rachel Hall –
parent governor
3/4 meetings attended

Sarah Read –
staff governor
1/1 meetings attended

Sarah Chappell –
Head teacher
6/6 meetings attended

Staff Attendees:
**Julie Easthill and Ruth
Hayes**

The Governors would like to
thank **John Appleyard** and
Lisa Marshall – both are
standing down this year and
we are grateful for their
service and support.

Our school continues to be a Good school, serving well the needs of the children and the community. We have been working hard, as ever, to ensure we offer a rich and varied curriculum and strive to improve the provision we offer. This year's development priorities have included ensuring the continued implementation of the New National Curriculum 2014 and the precise assessment of our children, ensuring our PE curriculum offers 'value for money' and engages children in a range of physical activities. We promote healthy lifestyles, ensure children practice and produce high quality writing and maths across the curriculum, and have gained accredited Eco and Science awards as well as many others!

Our New Vision, Values and Aims – we need your help!

This year the Governors have been working to bring together a new Vision for the School, which will give some focus to where we would like the School to move forward in terms of our pupils' education and achievements. We have put together a 'draft' list of Vision, Values and Aims after speaking with teachers, and we would love to get your feedback as a parent, if you feel there is something missing or that should be taken out. Please get in touch as we would like to ensure everyone is included in this important project.

- **Vision:** An inclusive school, where all children strive to be the best that they can be, becoming life-long learners and good citizens.
- **Values:** Honesty, Independence, Friendship, Respect, Resilience, Inclusivity, Trying Your Best, Co-operation, Taking Part, Responsibility.
- **Aim:** Over the next three years we aim to ensure all children make good progress within a broad and fun curriculum, and to increase parental support to do this.

Our motto will stay the same: **Learn, Laugh, Succeed.**

School Governors

School governors have three main core functions:

- Setting the vision and strategic direction of the school
- Holding the headteacher to account for its educational performance
- Ensuring financial resources are well spent.



Governors meet at regular intervals through the year to assess School performance, ensure the School is run smoothly and within budget and discuss any external factors that may affect the School – for example the recent discussions nationally regarding Academies and the new National Curriculum.

Governors also take an individual specialism (such as Science, Maths, Child Protection) and liaise with the teacher responsible directly during the year. We visit classes and view teaching, which gives us a great insight into School life and allows us to ensure the decisions may need to make are always done with the best interests of the School and pupils in mind.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact Mrs Chappell to discuss it, as we currently have two vacancies we want to fill.

Science In School

This year we have had lots of opportunities to develop the teaching and learning of science throughout the school, after applying for an Intensive Enthuse Award to ensure this continues with the move on to the new National Curriculum. Staff attended training sessions provided by The Yorkshire Agricultural Society to look at how we can develop our learning outdoors. We also purchased a Working Scientifically Trolley which holds all the equipment the children need to carry out their own investigations. It helps us to remember that if the Science Trolley is in the classroom, we are learning about science! Our Science Leaders were also able to plant the “rocket seeds” sent to space with British astronaut Tim Peake. To try to further develop the links between home and school, the Science You Can Do At Home after school club was started so that children can show parents and siblings some amazing science experiments that can be done with common kitchen products.



The school is very lucky to have an amazing outdoor area that can be used to enhance the teaching and learning in science. We have begun to look at zoning off areas to complete different scientific activities. We have also been able to begin the redevelopment of our Wildlife Area, with the support of the Hagg Lane Green Conservation Society. They have given up some of their spare time to look at how we can develop this area into an amazing teaching resource.

We have many plans for the future. We have applied for a Primary Science Quality Mark as recognition of all our hard work in science and we are looking to purchase another science trolley with resources that can be used outdoors as well as looking at setting up an Outdoor Science Laboratory!

Academies/National Curriculum

Recent news reports regarding Government intentions to move all schools into Academies, along with issues over testing and the new National Curriculum has created debate and concerns among both teachers and parents.

Rest assured the Governing Body have been keeping a close eye on events and have discussed what options are available depending on what decisions are eventually taken at a National level. We want to ensure our pupils are never affected in a negative way and want to assure you that we will always strive for the best possible outcome for your children and their future.

Sports

Various events attended:

Cross-country, Hockey, Football, Dodgeball, Netball, Cricket, Rounders, Quad Kids, Tag Rugby, cluster Sports Day, Sport Relief, Race For Life

After School clubs offered:

Gym, Rounders, Football, Dance, Freddie Fit, Netball, Tri-Golf

Wider Curriculum Events

School Trips:

Robinwood residential, East Barnby residential, Headingley Test Match, Houses of Parliament, Castle Museum, York Theatre, Selby Specialism day, STEM fair

Other activities:

English theme day, Powerdown Pete, Book Fair, recycling activities and sale, Maths/Science theme day, Panto, Amazing Architecture day, Skipping workshops, World Book Day, Olympic athlete visit, Children In Need, House PE day, Around Britain day, Hemingbrough's Got Talent, Sponsored Silence, House Charity Day

To find out more about becoming a Governor and the work of Governors contact Mrs Chappell 01757 638266 or visit <http://www.hemingbrough.n-yorks.sch.uk/>