



## **Hatch Warren Infant school**

### **Governors' Newsletter**

#### **Welcome to our latest Summer Governor newsletter.**

As your Governing Board, we are committed to supporting the leadership team, staff and pupils in creating a positive and thriving learning environment. This newsletter aims to keep you informed about the work we do behind the scenes- shaping the strategic direction of the school, ensuring accountability, and helping secure the best possible outcomes for every child.

As we move into a more sunny period, hopefully, we thought it would be a good time to provide you with an update from the Governors.

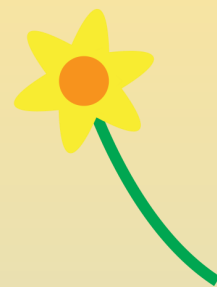
Since the previous newsletter, it has been a busy time for the Board of Governors. We have gone through a period of recruitment and have had some new Governors join us, they will be introducing themselves so you can see who's who.

As Governors, our role is to provide effective governance to help lead the school forward and ensure it continues being the success it already is. We also have the privilege to come into the school and spend time taking part in some of the other activities that go on during the school day. This is a great opportunity for us to carry out our own observations, but also take part in some of the great experiences with the children. We thought it would be nice

to provide you with an update on what we have got involved in so far this year. My highlight was spending a morning in Year R and seeing how well they have got on with their transition into school life. I also heard some of them read, and they are doing so well with their phonics. The rest of the Governors will be taking you through the activities they have enjoyed.



# Our Chairs



Hi I'm Karen and joined HWIS governing body in November 2022.....for the second time! My girls attended the school 20 years ago and I was a parent governor, becoming chair of governors even. I am now retired, having had over 30 years as a local authority solicitor. I hope I can bring some skills and experience to the governor role, but most of all I looking forward to getting to know the school again. Mrs Weston remembered me and I remembered her as an NQT!

I now have more time, am ready for more training and to assist wherever is needed. I hope to help with reading too! It will be interesting to see how much has changed over the years, but I can tell already that the school feels very much the same now as it did then!



Hi, I'm Mike,  
Over the last two terms the Governing body have been actively making every effort to spend more time in school and become more visible to the teachers and staff. One of the ways that we have been doing this has been by coming in to read at various times with all the classes.

Over time, as children's reading skills develop reading becomes less about decoding words but starting to explore and broaden the imagination creating even greater possibilities for learning. At this early stage in the children's development it is very difficult to overstate the importance of reading. Even just a few minutes every day will help to create a strong foundation for your child's future.

If you have any time available during the school day then please reach out to your child's teacher or the school office to offer your time. Just half an hour a week from a few parents in each class would allow a very large number of children to be heard reading much more frequently.

We have thoroughly enjoyed spending this time in the classrooms with the children and will be aiming to continue this additional contribution to school, and hope that more parents will be able to join us in this.



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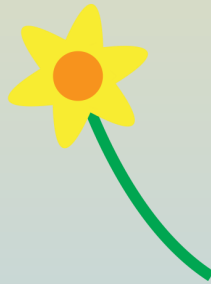
Hello! I'm Sophie West and I am one of the new parent governors. My son, Nicholas, is in Year 2 at HWIS and my daughter, Emilia, started school in September.

I love being a part of school life and come in regularly to hear the children read and to volunteer in the library. As a governor, I'm looking forward to contributing more to the school's continuing success.

Outside of school, I am a private client solicitor specialising in estate planning and administration. I currently work for a law firm in Winchester.

It was a privilege to attend this year's Red Nose Day assembly. The children were remarkably well-behaved and clearly enjoyed learning about the origin of Red Nose Day and how the money they had brought to school for dress-down might help people in need. The staff had worked very hard to make the assembly as interactive as possible, including a rendition of the official Red Nose Day schools' song, "Put A Nose On It!". It was lovely to see the children (and staff!) on their feet singing and dancing along!

Hi, I'm Hannah and I joined the Governors team last September. I have two children who enjoy being in Year 2 after a very positive introduction to school in year R and 1. Prior to having my children, I worked in Conveyancing at a local firm of solicitors. I currently work at a local secondary school in their Admissions and Transitions team. I am looking forward to the school year ahead and hope to be able to support the school in continuing to offer our children the best environment to enable them to thrive.

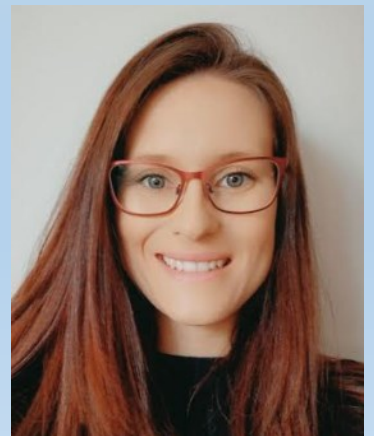


Hello, my name is Amy, I am the Chair of our PTA group and a new parent governor. I currently have two children at HWIS. I also have a teenager, so not a newbie to parent-hood.



HWIS has shown great support and commitment to its children, so much so, that the level of care, love and dedication that goes towards their pupils is just phenomenal! Seeing this school in action has made me want to join/support in more ways than one. As a new parent governor, I hope to support HWIS in their long journey of success and create many memories for its current and future children.

I currently work part-time as a police speed awareness expert. I love to sing; dance, eat and just enjoy life.





Hi I'm Steve and I have 2 daughters in Year R. I have been a teacher since leaving University but primary school is new to me. I teach Computing to GCSE level and will be starting at an SEMH school in September.

I hope to be able to support the school moving forward and continue to be the supportive community that it is.



Hi there! I'm Chris Ward and I am one of the new Co-Opted governors. Many years ago my daughter, Dani, spent 3 very happy years at HWIS and has gone on to be a very happy, confident young lady who I am immensely proud of. My first visit to the school as Governor brought back some really lovely memories!



In terms of my background, I am recently retired having spent over 40 years working in retail, house building and social housing. The last 20 years of my career were spent in the role of HR Director, which enabled me to champion the importance of diversity and inclusion, creating a high performing culture and ensuring people feel listened to and valued for their contribution.

I'm looking forward to getting to know more about school life and working out where I can provide support and add real value to help with all the great things that go on at HWIS.

