



*Mrs Elliott and Mrs Dixon with Class 1*

Attendance at meetings is only part of the role. Reading and preparation are required for each meeting and the various actions require regular contact with school. Governors also talk to staff and get involved in many events that happen across the year. A number of Governors are parent helpers who are extremely active in school, volunteering for Breakfast Club as well as being very dedicated members of the Friends of Laurel Avenue Society.

The Governing Body has had a particularly busy year, focusing on the Ofsted inspection and the 'Good' judgement, with 'Outstanding' in Safety, which came in December 2014.

Governors have spent time considering the introduction of a new curriculum as well as changes to Special Educational Needs and Disability in line with new Government policies. It has also considered the key data giving the results of pupil achievement and progress, so that we can be sure that the school is on track to fulfil its ambitious targets for all pupils. We are also concerned about our vulnerable groups of children and focus on how the Pupil Premium Grant is being spent by the school and what impact this has on their outcomes.

Our successful Health and Safety Inspection was carried out in November 2014 by a member of the Health and Safety Team at County Hall. All Health and Safety aspects are overseen by Governors and policies and risk assessments are monitored. Governors are also particularly concerned about safeguarding and there are regular reports to the Governors about any safeguarding matters.

*Mrs Bellamy is pictured on the front cover with Class 3.*

*Many Governors are not educational specialists but bring experience and skills from other professions that together form an effective Governing Body.*



*Mrs Linfoot with Nursery*

### **Special Interest Class Governors**

Each class have their own Governors who take a special interest in the achievement, progress and attendance of pupils in that class. Governors have visited their class this term, introducing themselves and talking about how they help in school. They have already started to plan activities together such as making biscuits and planting bulbs in the sensory garden.



*Mrs Cottrell and Mrs Blakey with Class 2*

Nursery – Mrs Linfoot  
Class 1: Mrs Elliott & Mrs Dixon  
Class 2: Mrs Cottrell & Mrs Blakey  
Class 3: Mrs Bellamy & Cllr Corrigan  
Class 4: Ms Adams and Mr Dowd

*The full Governing Body meets once a term. We have terms of reference that help us to ensure all the topics we are required to discuss each year are covered. We also have three main sub-committees:*

*Learning, Teaching and Achievement Committee. Responsible for reviewing the curriculum and teaching, ensuring that the school's Self-Evaluation is conducted appropriately and development plans implemented.*

*Finance and Premises Committee. Responsible for setting and monitoring the budget for the school, and overseeing the financial management of the school.*

*Community and SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) Committee. Responsible for monitoring safeguarding, health and safety, nutritional standards, and the Accessibility Plan, as well as anti-bullying and pupil groups such as the School Council.*



*Mr Dowd and Ms Adams with Class 4*

## *Membership of the Governing Body*

*Mrs Ann Elliott: Chair of Governors*  
*Ms Audrey Adams: Vice Chair of Governors*  
*Cllr Katie Corrigan: Local Authority Governor*  
*Mrs Helen Blakey: Parent Governor*  
*Mrs Ellen Cottrell: Parent Governor*  
*Mrs Nicola Dixon: Parent Governor*  
*Ms Gaynor Davison: Headteacher Governor*  
*Mrs Helen Walters: Staff Governor*  
*Mrs Wendy Bellamy: Co-opted Governor*  
*Mr Nigel Dowd: Co-opted Governor*  
*Mrs Claire Linfoot: Co-opted Governor*

*If you would like more information about our Governing Body, please visit our website.*



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