

## March 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Spring Governors' Newsletter.

Since I last wrote in December, there have, as you are well aware, been significant changes of leadership within the school.

Our Local Governing Body meeting took place about a week after Ms Percy's departure and Mr Hart's assuming of the role of acting Head Teacher. Shortly after that Mrs Thomas also left to take up her new post.

It is to the great credit of Mr Hart and Ms Mullaney, who is acting Assistant Head, that they have both accepted the broad challenge of their new respective roles and demonstrated both enthusiasm and determination to make the children's experiences in learning better too.

I have also been pleased to meet briefly with the teaching staff prior to a recent staff meeting to thank them for their cooperation and help in potentially turbulent times. It was also necessary to fill Mrs Thomas' vacancy on the Local Governing Body. I felt strongly that this should, if at all possible, be filled by someone other than a "senior leader" and I am very pleased and have again had the opportunity to briefly thank Miss McCauliffe for accepting a governance role in addition to her teacher workload.

As to other changes, I am pleased that both Ms Mir and Mr Khan have been confirmed as joint Vice-chairpersons of our LGB and that Mr Shaukat has formally begun his role as Governor. Mr Khan has also joined the Board of Directors of the Loxford Trust as the Aldborough Representative and has attended his first meeting there.

There was one last major group within the school that I had not had the opportunity to meet and that was the children. Having recently said hello to the children in Reception on the occasion of Mrs Thomas' leaving, I was

## ALDBOROUGH LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

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**Mr T Hart** Acting Head  
teacher

**Miss S McCauliffe**

Teacher Governor

**Ms M Jimenez** Staff Governor

**Ms S Mir** Parent Governor  
Joint Vice-Chairperson

**Mr M Khan** Parent Governor  
Joint Vice-Chairperson

**Ms R Martins-Taylor**

Co-opted Governor

**Mr F Shaukat**

Co-opted Governor

**Mr D Hubbard**

Loxford Trust

**Mr D Low**

Chairman

Loxford Trust

**Mrs A Johnson**

CEO Loxford Trust



very pleased to accept Mr Hart's invitation to meet years 1 - 4 at their assembly this week. I really enjoyed our brief time with the chance for the children to get to know me a little bit. They were a credit to both their teachers and of course you as their parents. I asked the children to think about something they do really well and something that they can be determined to do better; perhaps you will have some ideas for them in respect of the latter! I am looking forward to being invited back again before the summer break.

As to the business of Governance. As I said, we have met once formally in February when attendance was fair, three governors unfortunately having to miss the meeting through circumstances beyond their control. We were joined by Mrs Gallimore who is the Acting Director of Primary within the Trust.

Our training was about Finance and how it is managed and monitored through the Loxford School Trust. The presentation was made by Miss Loveng the Trust's Director of Financial Operations. Governors questioned our role and responsibility - which is largely a monitoring role - as major decisions are currently dealt with at Directors' Meetings. The tight constraints upon budgets was also noted.

We received the Head teacher's report, the bulk of which had been prepared by Ms Percy. Our role in monitoring Teaching and Achievement was fulfilled by accepting progress data on the children, reports of the quality of teaching and the use and impact of intervention groups, supported by Pupil Premium and other funding streams.

Plans for the future in terms of securing staffing, school-to-school support, managing school improvement, including site management and development were all discussed at length.

The visits of Governors to the school were noted and their support sought for further visits.

Following on from the last newsletter - the school website was quickly up and running; I hope you find it useful.

Good luck to everyone in the Easter Hat competition and I hope the forthcoming holiday is a great family time.

### **Contact details.**

If you want to contact me or one of the other governors you can do so by letter, addressed for the attention of me or the relevant governor c/o the **Clerk to Governors** at the school. Any such correspondence will then be forwarded to the named governor and reported at the next meeting. Emails, the confidentiality of which cannot be guaranteed, can also be sent to the Clerk to Governors on the school email system, and they too will be forwarded.

With my best wishes to you all. David Low, Chairman.