

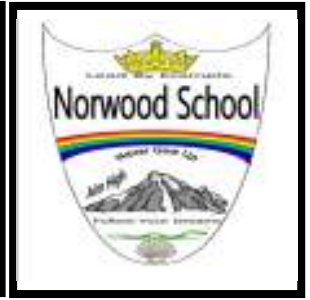


Norwood Primary School

Governors' Newsletter

December 2014

Welcome to the winter edition of the Governors' Newsletter



Vacancies for Parent Governors

Following a decision by the Governing Body to reconstitute to twelve governors the school currently has vacancies for parent governors.

The main role of the governing body is to set the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction, to hold the school to account for the educational performance of its pupils and to oversee the financial performance of the school.

Governors need to be able to devote some time to their role, attending meetings in the evenings and sometimes during the day. There are six full governing body meetings per year and, at present, these are held on a Tuesday evening at 7pm. Governors are expected to attend some, but not all, meetings and time commitment is normally tailored to each individual governor based on their own circumstances.

As well as attending meetings, part of a governor's role is to carry out visits to the school to meet with school leaders, staff and children. A comprehensive training programme is delivered by the Local Authority, including a National Training programme for new governors, and it is an expectation that all governors will attend relevant training opportunities.

If you are interested in serving as a parent governor at Norwood please submit an expression of interest in writing to the school office, to be received by Friday, 12th December. It would be helpful if you could include a brief description of any relevant skills or areas of interest which you could contribute as a member of the Governing Body.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of Governors, Warren Fenwick, via the school.

Governor Training

All members of the Governing Body attended a training session at Norwood School on the evening of Thursday, 13th November. The theme of this 'in-house' event, led by Shan Oswald from Peterborough Governor Services, was: 'The Governing Body's Role in School Improvement'.

With the increased focus by inspection teams on the governing body's role, governors need to understand the school improvement process and to be able to show that they actively monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making. This was a valuable and thought-provoking opportunity for Norwood governors to spend time together focusing on developing their vital role in school improvement.

Governors' Award

Following on from our previous successful awards for Art, Sports and English the next Governor award is going to be Maths based: a 'Multiplication Bee'.

This will initially be class-based with groups for Years 1 and 2; Years 3 and 4; and Years 5 and 6 respectively competing together. Each class year group will have two finalists and the remainder of the school will support the teams during the final in the school hall.

This final contest will comprise five rounds per group and the last one standing per group will be declared the winner [three awards in total]. If two or more contestants are still left after the five rounds a tie-breaker will determine the winner. It is planned to hold the final on an afternoon, 2.30pm-3.15pm, during the week commencing 15th December. The date will be confirmed nearer the time. Prizes related to Maths/Numeracy will be awarded.

Norwood School's Governing Body

Warren Fenwick-Parent Governor/Chair	Neil Gavin-Vice Chair-Parent Governor
Annie Gill-Co-opted Governor	Elizabeth Jackson-LA Governor
Mary Locke-Staff Governor	James Robertson-Co-opted Governor
Karen Young-Co-opted Governor	Deborah Reynolds-Head Teacher/Staff Governor [Ex-Officio]

Clerk to the Governing Body - Suzanne Arnold

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Finally the governors would like to wish everyone at Norwood a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year