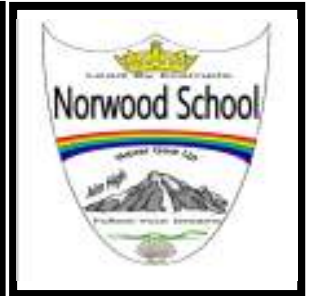




# Norwood Primary School

## Governor's Newsletter

### Spring 2015



#### **Governor Vacancies**

The school's governing body currently has vacancies for governors who are members of the community but not parents of Norwood pupils. Governors need to be able to devote some time to their role, attending meetings in the evenings and sometimes during the day. A comprehensive training programme is delivered by the Local Authority, including a National training scheme for new governors, and it is an expectation that all governors will attend relevant training opportunities. If you are interested, or know of anyone in the community who may be interested, in serving as a governor at Norwood please submit an expression of interest in writing to the school office to be received by Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. 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.

#### **Fire Risk Assessment**

Governors are pleased to report that Norwood School has recently received a Certificate of Conformity and fulfilled all the criteria for a fire risk assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to meet the legislative requirements of the Regulatory [Fire Safety] Order 2005. It was judged that suitable and sufficient fire safety measures are in place consequently the school achieved the certificate with 'flying colours'!

#### **Governor Visits**

As part of their role in setting the school's vision and strategic direction individual governors will be carrying out monitoring visits at Norwood before the end of the Spring term to focus on activities and progress in pupils' reading. These visits will include a learning walk, conversations with the children about their reading and discussions with class teachers. The aim is to promote the importance of literacy and to ensure that progress is continuing in this area of the curriculum.

#### **Governors' Award**

The Governors' Award for this term will focus on Science to correspond with British Science Week [13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March]. The challenge is to create a poster on the theme of 'Science on Your Doorstep'. Pupils are asked to look around them, collect information and create an original poster about any aspect of science happening in or around the area in which they live. For example, the poster could be about a local, historical person; a place of scientific interest; a structure or building or an event linked to science. Four governor prizes will be awarded, one for each paired year group, and successful selected posters will be entered in April for the British Science Week poster competition run by the British Science Association. Pupils will be helped by their class teachers to come up with ideas for producing their posters.

#### **Road Safety**

In order to ensure the safety of pupils at Norwood the Governing Body would like to remind parents to conform to the parking regulations around the school and to take care at all times when collecting or dropping off children. The Governing Body is also pleased to confirm that for additional safety a Puffin crossing is to be installed at the top of Elter Walk.

#### **New Parent Governor**

Hello all, my name is Lisa Andrews and I have just embarked on my exciting new role as Parent Governor. I have three children, two that attend Norwood and hopefully one starting in September. I wanted to become a Parent Governor to give me a better understanding of their education and to be able to support the school that plays a big part in their future. I currently work as a Skills Trainer which involves designing and facilitating management development and I am also a practitioner in a psychometric tool which is great for helping in understanding personality types and why people do what they do--- I believe that I can bring all these skills to the Parent Governor role as well as offering innovative ideas that will help support Norwood's future.

#### **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 Lisa Andrews-Parent 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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