



Full Governing Body:

- Mrs Paula Whitehouse (Chair)
- Miss. Glynis Bant (Vice Chair)
- Ms. Lynne Cherry (Head Teacher)
- Mr. Lutfur Rahman
- Mrs. Jane Maynard (Staff Governor)
- Mrs Linda Pearson
- Mrs. Nazma Muhammed
- Mr. Shabir Hussain
- Mr. Ali Akbar
- Dr. Divya Patel (Parent Governor)
- Mrs Sana Ejaz (Parent Governor)
- X 1 VACANCY - Parent Governor - nomination slips were sent out on Fri 4 December, if you are interested, please return your slip by 11 December.

If you wish to leave a message or query for any member of our Governing Body, please call Ms. Kiran Mahay on: 01922 720812

Governors Newsletter



December 2015

Message from Governors:

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for this academic year. One of our aims as Governors is to improve our contact and communication links with parents/guardians. Through our newsletter we would also like to raise awareness of the work we do to support the school at all levels. We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to Governor Mr Shakil Younis for his contribution to our committee over the last four years and to welcome our newly elected Parent Governor Ms Sana Ejaz.

What our Governing Body is responsible for:

Standards - so that pupils achieve their potential

Targets - so that we all aim as high as we can

Curriculum - making sure that we offer good quality teaching in all subjects

Reporting results - to the local authority and Ofsted

Policies - providing a framework for all staff to use when making decisions

Staffing - Deciding on how many staff we need and how much money to pay them

Resources - To improve teaching and learning across school we are committed to buying high quality resources

A message from the Chair: Mrs Paula Whitehouse

As Chair of the Governing Body, I am committed to working with the Head, staff, pupils and yourselves to raising standards and life chances for our children. We have a growing school community and I am keen to continue the valued work of our Governing Body going forward. I am more than happy for anyone to contact me via the school if you wish to discuss a school matter.

Direction for next term:

- To support the learning taking place in the classroom we have trips organised for all year groups. Governors have been keen to subsidise these trips to ensure pupils are given a quality enrichment time.
- Maths will continue to be a focus for school, with the curriculum changes that have been implemented and the introduction of Singapore Maths. Our co-ordinators are working hard to raise standards, support parents and track pupil performance.

Successes last term:

The school has been rewarded a MAKATON friendly award. MAKATON is UK's leading programme for adults and children.

Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. The pupils all worked together in bringing in food which was then sent to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Well done to 6A who performed a fantastic assembly on 'prayers'. Pupils worked very hard in preparing and performing the assembly.

Thank you to all parents who attended our first parents evening of the year. The evening was well attended. The kitchens cooked and shared food during parents evening.

Governors have authorised for the major work to create a new reception playground. Work has now started! Watch this space!

We want your input! Some parents have suggested starting a Parents Fundraising Group? We would like your comments and ideas sent into the school.

THANK YOU! The Christmas tree decorations for the school Christmas tree have been kindly donated by JTF Warehouse in Walsall. The children and staff would like to extend their warm thanks to JTF Warehouse for their generosity. The children have enjoyed the festive feel in school.

Parent feedback section:

- Governors would like to encourage all parents to visit the school website. Website address: www.hillary.walsall.sch.uk (Click on the 'About Us' section for the Governor link)
- Are you receiving all the necessary information about the school via the school website? Governors are always interested to know what parents think of the school website and whether the information displayed could be improved or added to in any way. Any ideas please get in touch touch with the school.

Learning for all:

- ESOL classes are very popular. Currently we are running two classes per week.
- Maths classes for parents (3.30 - 4.40 pm) and parenting classes have shown to be also popular.

If you want further information about any classes for parents, please get in touch.

What are you saying about numeracy at Hillary Primary School:

- 93% of parents are pleased with the quality of work produced by their child in their books
- 85% of parents are saying their child enjoys Maths lesson
- 64% of parents thought their child was supported/challenged appropriately during their Maths lesson
- 71% of parents feel informed about their child's progress

Action: The school will be working on how we can keep parents informed of day to day Maths taking place in the classroom. We need to work on reporting back to parents your child's success or areas of development.

Next full governing body:

- The next full Governing body will be on the 4th of February 2016 @ 6pm

And finally all the Governors would like to wish you all a very happy and a prosperous time with your families and a restful holiday.