

## **Governer's newsletter spring 2019**

As the school broke up for the spring holidays the weather finally started to improve, we hope that all the children and teachers had a lovely break and are looking forward to Easter! ☐☐

As always thank you to the parents and families for their continued support of the school also a big thanks to Duncan and all the staff for their dedication and hard work as ever.

There are a few changes to the governing body to let you know about, and we have a few new members which is fantastic news!

**Neil Hughes** (who is already known to most as he is our County Councillor for Eden Lakes Division) was previously a school governor 1994-96 in Islington, North London, and is genuinely interested in improving local education and giving children the best possible start in life.

**Tom Cripps** was a full-time Consultant Anaesthetist at the Borders General Hospital, Melrose for almost thirty years and continues to work there part time. He was a Clinical Director with budgetary responsibility (within the constraints of the National Health Service), and latterly the Hospital and Health Board Associate Medical Director for Clinical Governance. Having carried responsibilities as Lead Consultant for Paediatric Anaesthesia and for Special Needs Dentistry, he feels that he always fought for a good deal for the children in his care.

**John Walton** moved to Appleby in November 2017 in search of a rural environment. His has worked in management roles in the hotel and catering industry, has lived in Africa and Spain, and also has experience teaching English as a foreign language.

### **What's happening....**

- We are currently preparing for the next Ofsted inspection, however the first priority of the school is always the children.
- Some really great news for the new term is that there has been enough interest from families enabling us to extend our pre school nursery hours from 15 April. This will be a great help for working families with pre school aged children aged 3 +. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the school term, children can attend from 9am to 3.30pm. The school wrap around care will also be available, for which parents can use their 30 hour childcare credits.
- We are also delighted that the school roll is back up to 30, with an additional 5 on the nursery roll, enabling further teaching resources benefitting all.
- It has been emphasised once again how important is for the school to claim pupil premium, and for it to be spent effectively.
- Lesson observations by governors are continuing to take place.
- Finally it has been confirmed that the broadband speed in school has improved.

### **Excellent results...**

Many pupils have continued to perform beyond expected progress. Any weak areas continue to be worked on.

Special educational needs are being met.

On-line safety protocols are currently being assessed.

### **And finally...**

We still have a vacancy for another parent governor, as I really enjoy being a parent governor I would urge other's to consider it too!

Marie-Louisa Raeburn (parent governor)

If you have anything to ask or tell us about, please contact us:-

- By email [chair@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:chair@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk) or [clerk@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk)

- Chat to any of us when you see us about (our new governing board will be Linda White (chair), Liz Lindwall (vice chair), Stewart Fyfe, Sarah Rogers, Alan Woodward, Debbie McCall, Marie – Louisa Raeburn, Duncan Priestly, Susan Pattinson, Neil Hughes, Tom Cripps, John Walton.
- Drop a note in at school to be passed on to us All matters referred to governors are treated with complete confidentiality.
- **OUR NEXT MEETING AS A FULL BOARD IS ON TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2019 AT 3.30PM**