



Governors' newsletter Summer 2024

As we get set for summer holidays at last, there are many congratulations to hand out:

- To our nine Year 6s, for working and playing hard right to the end of their time here– you'll be missed! The governors wish you all the very best of luck at your new schools. Take all that you've learnt at Crosby Ravensworth with you and remember those core values of Courage, Compassion and Community.
- To Mrs Lin Ball, on her retirement, though she assures me she won't become a stranger. Mrs Ball has worked with our younger children with great dedication. Your contribution has been enormously appreciated, and you leave with our warmest wishes for all that you choose to do, starting I think with some gardening?
- To every single one of the staff for another year of hard work making this such a special school. A particular highlight has been the fantastic report the school received when it was inspected recently by the Church of England. If you haven't seen that report yet it really is worth a read, at <https://www.crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk/inspection-reports-and-performance-data/> . A warm thank you to those parents who made written contributions or who came in to chat with the inspector.
- Lastly, to the Friends for running yet more successful fundraising, especially the hugely popular summer fair. Thank you to everyone who helped organise or supported this: the funds raised are invaluable.

When we arrive back in September there will be exciting times ahead, with a sizeable Reception intake and an unusually high number of pre-schoolers joining over the next year. While Mrs Hollis will take on what was Mrs Ball's role, for the autumn term, the school will be advertising a new role of Early Years Teacher, to start in January, working three days a week with Reception and pre-school. Creating a new staff post is a big financial step and we are very grateful to the Crosby Ravensworth United Schools Foundation for their generous donation to help fund the new set-up.

Other priorities will include developing music provision, continuing the programme of visits to museums and galleries, and deepening the children's awareness of global issues of justice and equality. It's also very likely the school will be inspected by Ofsted in the coming year.

As I write, the school is looking for a new clerk to governors, following the resignation of Andrew Clement, who has been a huge support to the board for three years. Please get in touch if you're organised, with an eye for detail, and feel this vital role could be for you, or pass the info on to anyone else you think may be interested. Details are on the school website – click on About Us and scroll down to Vacancies.

A final thank you goes to the volunteers – Margaret Jarvis, Karen Asquith and Dorothy Hunter – who continue to hear Class 2 read week in, week out. Your time and input are much appreciated.

You'll see that we're in a dynamic phase, with lots going on and lots to look forward to. I hope that meantime you all have a very happy summer break and that the weather cheers up enough for us to all enjoy some sunshine!

Barbara Wallis, chair, on behalf of all the Governors