

## **Governors Newsletter June 2021**

Well unbelievably we are nearly at the end of another school year. It has been a very unusual year for everyone because of Covid, but our pupils, their families and our staff continue to surprise us with their resilience and can-do attitude. We say goodbye in a few weeks to William and Daniel who are leaving Year 6 to move on to new schools. We wish them the very best in their new schools but know they will go confidently forward to make new friends and learn new things.

We would like to thank Mary Atkinson, who has been with the school as a trainee teacher. She has made a great impact and the children and staff have enjoyed having her in school. Thank you Mary and good luck for your future teaching career.

I am delighted to tell you that we have three new governors joining our governing board, one parent governor and two foundation governors. They are 3 local and, I am certain well known, members of our community. However, in case you don't know them, they introduce themselves below:

**Parent Governor: My name is Karen Winder.** *I have grown up and lived in Crosby Ravensworth for most of my life. I enjoy gardening and getting out for walks around our amazing area. As an active member of our wonderful community I have been a Parish Councillor, a member of the Village Hall Committee and am currently on the Board of Directors for the LCT (Lyvennet Community Trust).*

*I feel that my connections with the school are strong having had lots of my family attend here including myself and now my daughter is here. I am very passionate about the school and have played an active role since 2014 where I was Chair of Lyvennet Nursery Group, then moved on to become Chair of Friends of School where I am currently still a parent committee member.*

*I am also Midday Supervisor here 2 days per week and have recently run the After School Nature Club.*

*I love to get involved and enjoy organising fundraising events within the school and the wider community. Over the last year whilst we all spent lots of time at home. I helped keep spirits up with Doorstep Bingo, a Socially distanced VE Day Coffee Morning, Halloween Pumpkin Trail, Doorstep Sparklers and sweets from Santa, as well as raising money for various charities doing a Mile-a-day in June sponsored walk with my daughter and Mam, Cake sale in the Village Shelters, Afternoon Tea Hamper Raffle to name but a few. With these events raising over £1100 in total.*

*I feel that I am in a position to accept a new challenge at the moment and think that the Governors would be the perfect opportunity.*

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**Foundation Governor: My name is Katie Metcalf.** *I am currently running The Butchers Arms Community Pub and Dining in the village. Myself and my husband have lived here in Crosby since March 2017. In my spare time I make handmade cards and I love cooking and exercising. I love my job in the hospitality industry, taking care of people is my passion, however I am looking to expand my skill set and I feel very passionately about the welfare and wellbeing of children. I have been fortunate enough to have been surrounded by many wonderful children in my own life (nieces nephews and friends children) and I am looking to gain more experience within the school setting and would like to retrain to become a Teaching Assistant in the near future. I would like to think I could*

*bring a lot of positivity, passion and problem solving to the school Governors.*

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***Foundation Governor: My name is Barbara Wallis. Before COVID I was really enjoying going into school most weeks to hear the children read and hope to be back doing that in the autumn. I'm also looking forward to having a closer involvement with the school through being a governor. Andrew and I first came to Crosby Ravensworth almost 30 years ago and are very grateful to be spending our retirement in this special area and community.***

Whilst our governing board is now fully populated, we are losing our Clerk, who sadly for us, has too many other interests and obligations to continue. We send our grateful thanks to Chloe Randall for her years of hard work and wisdom and wish her all the very best for the future.

We are now recruiting for a new Clerk to the Governing Board. The post is initially for 100 hours per school year to cover 9 meetings plus additional governance duties. Full details and a job description can be found on the school website. Please share this job opportunity with anyone who you think might be interested. The closing date is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Here's hoping the last few weeks of the school term are fun packed (the best weeks of the school year some say) and all the Governors wish you all a long, sunny and happy summer holidays.

***Best wishes from the Governing Board***