



GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS



WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR...Kerry Bentley



A warm welcome back to you all! Normally during this Autumn newsletter I'd be telling you about all of the different activities that your Lantern Lane governors have been involved in and all of the exciting things planned in the run up to Christmas, but things are obviously quite different this year. We are carrying out all of our governor duties remotely and are successfully adapting to virtual ways of working, but it's not quite the same and we can't wait to be back in school again!

Schools have been faced with so many challenges this year and Lantern Lane is no exception. Practically overnight, our school leaders and teachers were faced with the immense task of putting together work packs for every child, getting to grips with new ways of working and basically, planning for the unplannable. I'm sure you'll agree that Mrs Butler, along with the rest of our fantastic staff team, went above and beyond to ensure our children not only continued to learn through lockdown but also still felt connected to our wonderful school community. And this hard work continues now as they strive to keep our school a safe and happy place to be.

It's also clear that our school couldn't function successfully through all of this without your support, co-operation and understanding - not only what you did to support home-schooling during lockdown but what you continue to do now. So a very huge Thank You to you as parents and carers for all of the juggling that you continue to do on a daily basis.

As we get further into the Autumn Term and we find ourselves once again faced with increased restrictions on how we carry out our everyday life, it is more important than ever that we look out for each other and do what we can to look after our own and others' mental health. So please take time out for yourselves and your families, know that you are doing your best but please don't hesitate to reach out for help if you need it. Please feel free to contact school if you need support with anything.

Take care and stay safe.

Kerry Bentley
Chair of Governors

As always, we are aiming to do our best for the children in our school and always welcome feedback so if you have any questions or comments to put to us, please contact us on Kerry.bentley@lanternlane.notts.sch.uk or leave a message with the office.





MEET OUR NEW CO-OPTED GOVERNORS



Elizabeth Bohane

I am delighted to have joined the Governing Body at Lantern Lane as a Co-Opted Governor from January 2020. I have lived in East Leake for almost 10 years having grown up just down the road in Ruddington and have just welcomed our first child this year. During the week I work as a Senior Account Manager within the events industry and on the weekends, I can frequently be found out walking with my family and our little dog Bailey. I am very much looking forward to having a great involvement as part of your Governing Body over the coming months.



Kier Jones

Hi, I am Keir and I joined the Lantern Lane Governing Body in December. It has been really inspiring to join such a welcoming and positive school team. My background is that I am a medical doctor and I have worked in Child & Adolescent Mental Health and Learning Disability for the last nine years. It is this experience that motivated me to take on the role as a Governor - I want to help the school in their mission to support the children from an educational and wellbeing perspective in any way that I am able. I have lived in East Leake for the past four years and I have three primary aged children.

Look out for our spotlight on Mia Harbey and Sophia Thorne in our next newsletter!

THE SUMMER FACELIFT!

We have had some very exciting work completed in school over the summer! The much-awaited new walls, doors and windows in the main school building have been completed with the curved walls still making the building flow well and look natural. These changes are really going to enhance the learning environments for the children with quieter classrooms with less external noise so the children can concentrate better.





OUR GOVERNOR INVOLVEMENT THIS TERM:

- *Pay Committee Meetings*
- *Headteacher Appraisal Meetings*
- *Finance, Pupils and Resources Committee Meetings*
- *Virtual Link Meetings for various subjects.*
- *Virtual Training Courses*
- *Virtual Safeguarding and SEND update meetings*
- *Supporting Lantern Lane Fundraising Group*

Your Governing Body:

Chair: Kerry Bentley (P) **Vice Chair:** Iain Lister (C)

Governors: Chris Elliott (P), Mark Astill (P), Simon Moss (P), Jennifer Bewlex-Allen (P), Jackie Vanderwalt (C), Carrie-Louise Holleran (C), Chris Willimsky (C), Keir Jones (C), Elizabeth Bohane (C), Donna Griggs (C), Sophia Thorne (C), Jill Jennison (LA), Mia Harbey (S)

(P) Parent Governor (C) Co-opted Governor (LA) Local Authority Governor (S) Staff Governor

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