

Westdale Governor News

Welcome to the first edition of Westdale Governor News.

Following parent feedback requesting information on the role of the Governing Body, we have put together this newsletter. In this edition we list the names of all your Governors and present statements from some about their interests in the school. We also include a News & Events section so you can see what we are doing.

Please note: we are looking for a new Parent Governor. If anyone is interested in the position please contact one of the current Governors.



Westdale
Junior School

*Who are your
school governors?*

Heather Chapman
Parent Governor
& Training Coordinator

Ann Collins
LEA Governor

Kathryn Fox
Parent Governor

Victoria Hayles
Staff Governor

Savannah Kilbane
Staff Governor

Diane Pedwell
Community Governor

Abigail Rhodes
Parent Governor

Chris Ronan
Non-Teaching Staff
Governor

Hannah Sycamore
LEA Appointed Governor

Caroline Vernon
Parent Governor

Rev. Phil Williams
Community Governor

John Woodford
Community Governor

Anne Yates
Chair/Community Governor

I am in my second term as a community Governor and have been chair of the governors since January 09. I help out in Westdale school each week and am involved in voluntary youth work. I have also been a Brownie Guider for 40 years!

I enjoy working with young people and as a Governor I hope that my thoughts and ideas have helped to contribute to the excellence of Westdale Junior School - which is somewhere for the young people to enjoy learning.

Anne Yates

I became a Parent Governor so that I might become more involved behind the scenes. I took the opportunity to join the Governing Body in order to find out more about how the National Curriculum is implemented at Westdale. I have held the post for well over a year now and have found the experience very interesting and stimulating.

I work for the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation and am a member of the Lace Market Theatre.

Abigail Rhodes

I have been Headteacher at Westdale Junior for just over two years, but before taking up this position, I worked in various schools around the county.

Part of my role as Headteacher is to work with the governing body to develop and improve the education and learning environment that we provide for your children.

Since joining Westdale I have found working with the governors to be a very rewarding experience. They are able to give the school a different perspective or opinion on things that are happening around school or in the wider community.

Victoria Hayles

NEWS & EVENTS

Toward the end of January the Governors met at our first full meeting of 2010. We were pleased to hear that the school improvement partner's report found that there were no areas of the curriculum that were cause for concern. Furthermore attendance, behaviour and relationships in school continue to be good and lots of activities within school and after school are being offered to all pupils. The head teacher reported that the new computer suite would be up and running soon and it was nice to see, in a more recent visit, that this is in fact the case. A new ceiling and lighting has been installed along with 30 new computers.

The use of Fronter was discussed and it was reported to the governors that year 6 pupils were making use of this facility with great ease and enthusiasm. We hope that parents and carers will take the opportunity to come in to school to see the system and use the website, which offers links for home-work.

Two Governor visits took place in the Autumn term of 2009. Mrs Vernon, Parent Governor, reported on her maths visit saying she particularly liked the different methods being used, the variety of learning in which the children were engaged and the use of the interactive white board. Miss Rhodes, Parent Governor, had made a science visit, which she had found both valuable and enjoyable. She had been shown the curriculum planner, had seen how this linked across the year groups and commented that science was well resourced and delivered within the school.

It was also reported by Reverend Williams, Extended Services Governor, that St James Church was now onto the next stage of forging a link with a church in South Africa. It is hoped that a link could be established between a church and a school in the same area, which Westdale Junior could look forward to participating in. Further information on this matter is expected in the autumn term.