



## Cotherstone Primary School

### Governors' Newsletter Autumn Term (2) 2015

We're nearing the end of another busy term at Cotherstone School and it's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner!

As always, the staff have worked incredibly hard not only to deliver a consistently high standard of teaching and learning, but also to provide the pupils with a range of activities and experiences both at and away from school. The Governors would like to thank Dr Jellis and all the school staff for providing such a lively, happy, safe and stimulating environment for our pupils.

#### Volunteers

Parents, volunteers and helpers continue to play a significant role in the life of our school, contributing to after school activities, supporting pupils with reading and assisting with visits, sports activities and performances. The Friends of the School work hard to raise extra funds for resources, trips and experiences and the Governors would like to thank them for their ongoing efforts and commitment.

#### Christmas!

Congratulations to our pupils for their fabulous performances of "Alice-The Musical". What a pleasure to see the whole school involved and so obviously enjoying the experience! It was lovely to see so many friends and family members at the Christmas Lunch and Christingle Service. A special thanks to Harriet and Norma for providing such a super lunch. We look forward to enjoying the remaining Christmas festivities.

#### Chair of Governors

Dr Jane Ayre will be stepping down as Chair of the Governing Body in November 2016. She will continue take an active role as a school governor and support the school with her knowledge and experience. Mrs Rachel Goldsborough will be taking on the role of Chair from November. In order to make the transition as seamless as possible Mrs Goldsborough will work alongside Dr Ayre in the coming months and will be supported by the whole Governing Body. Mrs Alison Lamb will continue as Vice-Chair.

### CKC Update:

We have had another fabulous half term of activities and after school care at CKC. Many thanks to Alison Lamb for leading a series of creative sessions coaching the children in sketching and drawing.

At the start of the New Year Jack Drum Arts will be delivering a half term of samba drumming. It is sure to be a great series of sessions full of energy and music. We need to provide Jack Drum Arts with numbers for these sessions that start on Tuesday the 12th of January. So if your child would like to take part please let Mrs Sabey know on Monday 14th December.

Mr B will be running a computer programming session on an afternoon to be confirmed, and on Thursday afternoon Durham County Council are offering dance sessions. Again please sign up for all of these sessions with Mrs Sabey.

CKC activity programme Jan-Feb 2016  
Tuesday Afternoon - Samba Drumming  
Afternoon to be finalised - Computer Programming  
Thursday Afternoon - Dance

The club sessions run from after school until 4:30pm, children are offered a small snack before the session starts to keep them going until home time.

CKC runs from 3:15pm to 5:15pm every day after school, the children are provided with a safe and fun environment to play and relax after school.

Thanks to all of the contributors this half term and a big thank you to Club Manager Claire Robinson for all her hard work. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2016.

**We would like to wish children, families, staff and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

If you have any issue that you would like to raise with the Governing Body please contact Jane at [ayretj@aol.com](mailto:ayretj@aol.com) or 650699.