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## **Cotherstone School Governing Body**

### **Newsletter – July 2017**

**Where did that year go? It only seems a blink of an eye since this academic year began in September! Another busy and successful year has gone by with our pupils enjoying a range of activities, opportunities and learning experiences, planned and delivered by our dedicated and hard-working staff.**

#### **Staff changes for 2017-18**

We sadly say goodbye to Ms Blackburn and Miss Whitworth and thank them sincerely for their contribution to our school and the development of our pupils. They will be missed by us all and we wish them the very best in their new adventures!

We are pleased to welcome Miss Thomas who will be working full time with Class 2, and to Mrs Murtagh who will now also be with us full-time. Thanks to the Finance Committee of the Governing Body who, along with Dr Jellis, have managed our budget effectively in order to maintain our three class system and the high ratio of teaching and support staff. Many schools of similar size and larger are unable to provide this level of staffing and we are grateful to the Finance Committee for their time and hard work in securing this level of support for our pupils.

#### **The Governing Body**

This year Dr Jane Ayre stood down as Chair of the Governing Body and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her again for her time in this role. Jane gave up a huge amount of time to support our school and played a significant role in strategic planning for the future. Without her contribution we would not be in the fortunate position we are today in terms of staffing and finance. Jane continues to be an active member of the Governing Body. Rachel Goldsborough has taken over the role and has quickly established herself as a committed and effective chair. With an education background herself, she has a wealth of skill, knowledge and expertise to bring to the role and leads the Governing Body with a perfect mix of determination and humour!

The Governors would like again to thank Angela Whiting for her contribution to the Governing Body, particularly for her work alongside Claire Robinson in developing the after school club.

If you are interested in joining the Governing Body or would like more information about what the role involves, please see Rachel Goldsborough or Alison Lamb.

### **Governor Visits into School**

- Peter Webb met with Dr Jellis in his role as Governor with responsibility for Health and Safety.
- Dr Jane Ayre visited school in her monitoring role as Governor for Safeguarding and Literacy.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

It is always with a mix of sadness and pride that we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and the class of 2017 will be particularly missed. They have worked extremely hard to achieve a magnificent set of SATs results and have represented our school with maturity and responsibility.

The Governing Body would like to thank them for their positive attitude, their contribution to the life of our school and their support for the younger pupils in our school. They have been excellent role models and we wish them all the very best for the future.

### **Thankyou**

Cotherstone School is fortunate to enjoy help and support from parents and the community. The Governing Body would like to thank parents, volunteers and helpers who so freely give their time to support our pupils in a variety of ways.

Thanks also to Miss Lee and the Friends of Cotherstone School who continue to raise funds to provide extra opportunities for our pupils. If you are interested in joining the Friends or have fundraising ideas, please contact Miss Lee.

**All that remains is for the Governors to wish pupils, staff, families and friends a happy summer break. School reopens on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 .**

