

# HUNSDON

## Governors' News



Spring Term 2016

### Letter from the Chair

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another fruitful and exciting term at Hunsdon JMI flies by and comes to an end. We have had some in's and out's within the governing body this term. I am pleased to welcome Miss Jennifer Park to the Governing body. Jen brings a staff view and also valuable knowledge about SEN (Special Educational Needs), which will bolster our Governing body skills. Unfortunately Kate Purdie has stepped down as Governor, but we are very pleased that Kate maintains the Chair of the Friends. As ever the governing body has been very busy this term and all of the committees have met. To give you some insight into the areas the governing body is involved in:

I write this on the back of Safeguarding training last night, which the whole Governing body attended. This is an example of an important area we need to consider and ensure policies and processes are in place to ensure the pupils are safe.

Financial well being of the school is essential. I am pleased to say that the school is in a healthy position and this is thanks to the excellent budget setting, tracking and auditing that the Finance team carry out—Jackie, Heather, Lynn and Jon.

In terms of our strategic direction the government has made several announcements in the press recently about the future structure of education in the UK. We will be involved in upcoming local area discussions on this and managing the impact on the school to ensure we maintain the current standards and focus which works so well for our pupil and staff.

Continually improving the school is a core role for the governing body. Through the course of this term and last the individual teams have undertaken a Strengths and Weaknesses assessment across all aspects of the school. We are now in the process of identifying actions for the annual School Improvement Plan as a result of this study.

Have a great Easter holiday and see you all next term raring to go.

Edward Nicklin  
Chair of Governors

## Your Governing Body

Ed Nicklin:	Co-opted Governor, Chair of Governors
Daniel Munns:	Parent Governor
Diane Fossey:	Associate Member
David Wilson:	Co-opted Governor
Jon Millward	Head Teacher
Mike Newman	Co-opted Governor, Vice Chair
Lindzee Macaulay	Teacher Governor
Jackie Carthy	Co-opted Governor
Matt Simpson	Parent Governor
Lynn Barnett	Parent Governor
Jen Park	Teacher Governor
Karen Osterley	Clerk to the Governors

### Finance subcommittee

Jackie Carthy (Chair)  
Lynn Barnett  
Jon Millward  
Ed Nicklin  
David Wilson

### Premises subcommittee

Mike Newman (Chair)  
Jon Millward  
Daniel Munns  
Matt Simpson

### Curriculum subcommittee

Diane Fossey (Chair)  
Lindzee Macaulay  
David Wilson  
Jon Millward

### Personnel subcommittee

Ed Nicklin (Chair)  
Jon Millward  
Jackie Carthy  
Mike Newman

### Pupil Discipline Panel

Ed Nicklin (Chair)  
Jackie Carthy  
Mike Newman

### Complaints Panel

Mike Newman (Chair)  
Matt Simpson  
Diane Fossey  
Daniel Munns  
David Wilson

## Core Responsibilities of the Governing Body

- a. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- b. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
- c. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.
- d. Maintaining continual improvement

## School Clubs

### Clubs run by our pupils - Spring Term 2016

Name of the club	Day	Time it meets	Available to
Save the animals	Monday	10.25am	Juniors
Goalball	Tuesday	12.45	Everybody
Sports Club	Tuesday	12.45pm	Infants
Activity Club	Monday	10.25am	Infants
Computer Club	Thursday	12.45	Years 2,3,4,5
Skipping Club	Friday	12.45pm	Infants and Year 3
Boccia Club	Thursday	10.25am	Everyone
Drama Club	Thursday	12.45pm	Infants and Year 3
The Seed Club	Friday	10.25am	Everyone
Fitness Club	Friday	12.45	Everyone
Art Club	Tuesday	10.25am	Infants and Year 3

### Clubs run by Staff

Day	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Miss Wiltshire's Sports Club <i>Juniors</i>	Saracens Dance Club <i>Everyone</i> Miss Wiltshire's Football Club <i>Years 1,2,3,4</i>
Tuesday	French Club <i>Everyone</i> Music Club <i>Everyone</i> Miss Wiltshire's Sports Club <i>Infants</i>	Miss Wiltshire's Netball Club <i>Years 3,4,5,6</i>
Wednesday	Football Club <i>Years 5/6</i>	Gymnastics Club <i>Everyone</i>
Thursday	Philosopher Club <i>Years 5/6</i>	Football Matches <i>Years 5/6</i> Drama Club <i>Years 3,4,5,6</i>
Friday	Gardening Club <i>Everyone</i>	Rugby Club <i>Juniors</i> Sewing Club <i>Everyone</i>

## Fundraising

In February a Quiz Evening was devised and organised by Mr Millward to raise funds for the repair of the bell tower. Rounds included a doughnut eating competition and a crisp flavour identification. Before costs a massive £1300 was raised and a lot of fun was had by everyone who attended.

## Dates for your diary:.

Friday 1st April	End of term 2.30 pm
Monday 18th April	Term starts
Monday 2nd May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 30th May -	
Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Inset Day	Friday 24th June
Inset Day	Monday 27th June
Friday 22nd July	End of Term 2.30 pm

## Friends' news

In 2016 we plan to focus on improving the school's wildlife area, which is currently brimming with potential. Please come out and support our events to help us achieve this goal!

The next big fundraiser is the May Fayre on Saturday 14th May 11.30—14.30.

Whether or not you have a child in the school, if you are interested in getting involved in the village the Friends of Hunsdon School welcome you. They are always looking for volunteers to help make the activities and events a success.

If you would like to become a Friend of the school please contact either by e-mail at [hunsdonfriends@gmail.com](mailto:hunsdonfriends@gmail.com) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/hunsdonfriends](https://www.facebook.com/hunsdonfriends).

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and staff for their continued commitment and support for Hunsdon JMI and to wish everyone a very happy Easter.



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