

HUNSDON

Governors' News



Spring Term 2017

Letter from the Chair

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we say farewell to Jackie Carthy who has been a governor for the last 15 years. Jackie has been our Finance Chair for most of this time and has provided a very steady hand on the tiller to ensure the school is in a sound financial state. Huge thanks go to Jackie for her great service to the school and wish her all the best for the future. Jackie will still be supporting the school and helping with Gardening clubs. Thanks also go to David Wilson for stepping into the Finance Chair role as Jackie's replacement.

We welcome Andrew Turner to the Governing Body to fill the vacancy left by Jackie's departure, and thank Andrew for offering his time to support the school and take up the Governing Body role. There is a short biog of Andrew's later in the Newsletter. Andrew will initially be working on the Finance Committee to support David.

Lynn Barnett also takes up the role of Curriculum Committee Chair. Thanks to Lynn for taking on this responsibility.

I will leave you with a Happy Easter wish, hope you all have a great break.

Edward Nicklin

Chair of Governors

Hunsdon JMI

Your Governing Body

Ed Nicklin: Co-opted Governor, Chair of Governors
 Mike Newman Co-opted Governor, Vice Chair
 Karen Osterley Clerk to the Governors

Daniel Munns: Parent Governor Representative
 Diane Fossey: Associate Member
 David Wilson: Co-opted Governor
 Matt Simpson Parent Governor Representative
 Lynn Barnett Parent Governor Representative
 Andrew Turner Co-opted Governor

Jon Millward Head Teacher
 Lindzee Macaulay Teacher Governor
 Jen Park Teacher Governor

New Governors Biog -Andrew Turner

I have two children at Hunsdon School, and I decided to become a governor to allow me to support the school and the local community in providing all of our children with the best education and school environment that we can give them.

I work as a marketing manager for a Consultancy business specialising in pensions, employees workplace benefits and employee well-being.

In my spare time my hobbies include taking children to various after school clubs, mountain biking, walking and mending old motorcycles.

Academies

The governors had another discussion on academies at this term full governing body meeting. The team have been on a range of courses, Head Teacher/Chair meetings and financial fact finding missions to further our knowledge in this area. We pooled this information and discussed the pros and cons of Academy Status. Our conclusion is unchanged at this time, in that we see no compelling reason to join or co-create an academy. There is no immediate financial benefit or need in moving to an Academy and we believe the pupils will not specifically benefit from such a move. We believe the ethos of the school is very important to its success and finding an academy with an aligned set of ethos, aims and values would be important to us, and no mean task to find or create. We feel it is our role to understand these issues and we will continue to monitor the situation on academies and keep you informed.

Energy News

As reported in previous Governors News, the School now has its solar energy panels fully installed and working. The impact of this is already being felt in the environmental benefits:

Solar Panels—Environmental Benefits	
CO2 Emission Saved	968.74 kg
Equivalent Trees Planted	3.24
Light Bulbs Powered	7,488.7 For a day

School Clubs

This term we have had a slightly reduced assortment of clubs as Miss Wiltshire has been on maternity leave but we should be back up to full strength again in the summer term. Dance, football, sewing, rugby, French and music have been well attended and the pupils have been continuing to enjoy clubs run by their peers.

Clubs at Hunsdon School - Spring 2017

Day	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Miss & Mrs Steele's Football Club Years 1,2,3,4
Tuesday	French Club Everyone Music Club Everyone Young Voices Choir KS2	Saracens Dance Club Everyone
Wednesday	Football Club Years 5/6	Gymnastics Club Everyone
Thursday	Philosopher Club Years 5/6 Young Voices Choir KS2	Football Matches Years 5/6
Friday	Gardening Club Everyone	Rugby Club Years 3,4,5,6 Sewing Club Years 1 to 6

Clubs run by our children during the school day:

Name of the club	Day	Time it meets	Available to
Save the animals	Monday	10.25am	Juniors
Lego Club	Monday	12.45pm	Infants and Year 3
Goalball	Tuesday	12.45pm	Everybody
Table tennis	Tuesday	10.25am	Years 3 and 4
Eggheads	Tuesday	12.45pm	Years 3 and 4
Reading Club	Wednesday	12.45pm	Years 1, 2 and 3
Tidy Up Club	Thursday	12.45pm	Years 5 and 6
Boccia Club	Thursday	10.25am	Everyone
Skipping Club	Friday	12.45pm	Infants and Year 3
Colour Club	Friday	10.25am	Years 3, 4 and 5

Dates for your diary:

Friday 31st March	End of term (at 2.30 pm)
Summer Term 2017	
Tuesday 18th April	Term starts
Monday 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June	Half Term
Friday 23rd June	Inset Day
Monday 26th June	Inset Day
Friday 21st July	End of Term (at 2.30 pm)

Fundraising Quiz Night

Mr Millward's ever popular quiz night ran again in March with a 'Europe' theme' and a goal to raise funds for the new outdoor gym for use as part of the curriculum and at playtimes. This was a very successful night and raised £650 towards the cost of the equipment, which many of you will now have seen installed in the playground.

Friends' news

Friends' of Hunsdon School have also supported the outdoor gym through their fundraising activities. The next Friends event will be the May Fayre on May 13th (11.30 - 2.30), so please put that in your diaries!

Happy Easter

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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