## Ingleby Mill Primary School Summer Term 2014 Governors' Newsletter





Welcome to our first Governors' Newsletter. We will be sending a newsletter once a term and if there is anything you would like including in these letters, please contact the school office and they will let us know.

Here, we will let you know what we have been doing in school and let you know about any developments through school.

## **Getting to Know You**

We are in the process of updating our Governor Biographies on the school website. If you look here, <a href="http://www.sbcschools.org.uk/inglebymill/index.php?id=286">http://www.sbcschools.org.uk/inglebymill/index.php?id=286</a>
30 you will find information about who our Governors are, what makes them suitable to be Governors and a little about their interests.

We have a group of highly skilled and motivated Governors who give up their own time voluntarily to serve the Ingleby Mill Community.

# What do Governors do at Ingleby Mill?

- Together with the Headteacher they are responsible for making sure our school provides high quality education.
- They provide challenge and support to the Headteacher, drawing on their knowledge and experience.
- They make decisions together on matters such as pay and performance, school targets, school policies and School Improvement Priorities.
- They monitor the impact of policies and oversee school budgets and staffing.
- They report on school achievements and respond to any inspection recommendations.
- They hear appeals from pupils and staff and consider complaints.
- They ask searching questions and respect the position of Headteacher as a professional leader.

# Governors' Committees

Our Full Governing Body meets once a term, but there are various sub-committees that also meet once a term. These sub-committees are:

# Finance and Staffing Committee

Responsible for finance, budget and staffing within school.

#### **Buildings** Committee

 Responsible for premises, facilities and health and safety throughout school.

#### School Improvement Committee

 Responsible for improving standards throughout school, particularly in teaching and learning, achievement, attainment and pupil progress.

#### Community Links

 Responsible for maintaining links with our local community and organising events with our PTA.

# Summer Term 2014 – What are we doing? Buildings Committee

This term our Buildings Committee is very busy organising the repairs and maintenance that will be carried out during the Summer Holidays. A school this size brings various challenges and it is a huge job to keep it in a good state of repair. Our caretakers, Mr Carter and Mr Morgan, do an outstanding job keeping our school safe, clean and welcoming.

#### Finance and Staffing Committee

This term we are working on the teaching plan for the next academic year with Mrs Totty. We have had to assist in recruiting new teachers, teaching assistants and admin support for our school office. We have set our budget for 2014/2015, which was a challenge as we have seen significant reductions in the income we receive over the last few years. Our staff in school do a great job in ensuring that we get the best value out of the funds we do have. We monitor this and ensure that our budget is spent wisely.

#### **School Improvement Committee**

As we get towards the end of the academic year, it is a busy time for this committee as we review the progress made across the year. We look at how well our children are doing and will identify any areas where we can do even better. We are awaiting the results of our SATS in the coming weeks and we will let you know the outcomes once we receive

### **Community Links Committee**

Our committee is busy working with Mrs Brown, Mrs Coverdale, Mrs Measor and

our PTA group organising the

various events we will be having this summer. This included our Easter Raffle where we raised over £600 – thanks to everyone who supported this. We are also looking forward to our Summer Camp in June, and our School Fayre in July. All of these activities raise additional funds for school which are used to pay for transport for our school visits.

On behalf of our Governing Body, I would like to thank you for your support during the last year – it is greatly appreciated. Our school is a success due to the dedication and commitment of our children, parents and staff.

We hope you have a great Summer!

Steve Watson Chair of Governors

