

# Governors Newsletter

Tydd St Mary  
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TYDD ST MARY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Clive Browne continues in his role of Chair of Governors and has recently been appointed a Local Leader of Governance supporting the work of Governing Bodies in schools which are currently facing challenges.

As the academic year draws to a close, we think everyone associated with the school should look back with an immense amount of pride; the school continues to provide an excellent quality of education and opportunities for the children in our care.

Our teaching staff are always keen to develop professionally, this year Mrs Burton has completed her National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders (NPQSL) and has been appointed by the Local Authority as a Specialist Leader of Education (SLE), Miss Parker has completed her National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders (NPQML) and continues working with the Local Authority as a Specialist Leader of Educations and Mrs Ely has been appointed as a Local Leader of Education (LLE) by the Local Authority and has undergone training to become a Church Schools Inspector delivered by the Church of England Education office. Mr Spelman continues to moderate Key Stage 2 writing and Miss Atkin has been accepted onto the Accelerate Programme for those teachers in their third year of teaching going forward. Everyone remains committed to the school and the community it serves.

The children of the school are the reason we volunteer to do what we do, and yet again have been a constant source of inspiration. From the money that they have raised for charity to their academic and sporting achievements, they always spur us on to give the school our all.

As we prepare to say hello to a new reception class, we also prepare to wish our Year 6's well on their voyage through life. They have contributed so much over the last 7 years to school life, and the Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to say a huge "Thank You" and wish them every success for the future.

As Governors, we hope you and your children have seen us around school. We have taken every opportunity to visit the school, speak to the children and perform a variety of monitoring tasks to ensure the children of the community are getting the best deal in education. We have been carrying out book scrutinies, conducting pupil interviews and observing Collective Worship, to name but a few. Behind the scenes, we have been reviewing risk assessments, ratifying the school budget and writing and reviewing school policies etc. We are in a very unique and rewarding situation where we can positively impact the lives of the children of our community.

We continue to look at ways which can ensure a lasting legacy for future generations of children at the school and so far the Solar Panels which we installed during 2018 have generated 4954kWh of electric and saved according to industry data 1.8tonnes of CO2 being produced.

We are looking forward to the challenges that the next academic year will undoubtedly bring but may we take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ely & all of the staff who work at the school for all of their valued hard work, often going above and beyond what is expected of them for the benefit of all of the children. Without their efforts we wouldn't have the unique and inspiring school that we do.

Lastly, Betty, our clerk, is leaving the Governing Body to pursue her passion for writing. Betty has brought so much knowledge and experience to the team, as well as an endearing nature and excellent sense of humour. Thank you, Betty.

## Your Governors

**Clive Browne (Chair)** - Clive, having started his career in IT at the H L Foods canning factory in Long Sutton in 1998, moved to Tydd in 2006. Currently working for Hovis he is responsible for the day to day operational running of the IT systems along with the IT Budget. Outside of Hovis he also plays the church organ at Dersingham & is on the Church Council there. His 20 years business & church experience have given him many skills which he brings to the Governing body.

**Neil Hunt (Vice Chair)** - Neil is originally from near Manchester. He moved to the area in 2007 after joining the RAF and being stationed in Norfolk. His experience in Explosive Risk Management has seen him join the Health and Safety/Premises Committee, while a keen head for Maths has seen him join the Finance Committee and become the schools Numeracy Governor. He also sits on the Staffing committee and really enjoys being a member of this proactive and involved Governing Body.

**Betty Hasler (Clerk)** - Betty Hasler has lived and worked in this area for over forty years. After a career teaching and managing several schools she has finally retired, but wanted to stay in contact with education and continue to make a contribution to the local community. Her experience of working with governing bodies helps her in the job of clerk to the governors. Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Betty in September as she hands the role to our new clerk, Hannah Creasey, so she can pursue her passion for writing.

**Vikki Parker** - Vikki joined the school 15 years ago, and now teaches a pure reception class. She is also the literacy and phonics co-ordinator across the school. As staff governor, her role involves sharing the viewpoints of all staff members at the governors meetings. Staff can approach her with a particular item they wish to be discussed or she can represent the general view of the staff. Working with the children on a daily basis, she can give the governing body a true idea of what happens in school.

**Betty Boor** - Betty started her career working for Nat West in Long Sutton where she progressed to Branch Manager. After 27 years working for Nat West Betty decided it was time to explore other opportunities and left to work as a Customer Service Manager for 6 years in the transport industry. Betty joined The Peele Community College in January 2009 and is currently employed there as the College Business Manager. Her day to day role is varied, she has responsibility for finance, premises and HR but you will also find her working with small groups of students or serving tea at parents evenings!

**Sandra Hornsby** - Sandra's relationship with the school began in 2006, when her eldest son started in Miss Parker class. Both her children attended Tydd St. Mary and she is a very proud parent of their achievements and attitudes to life, which was nurtured by the staff at Tydd. Her term of office started in 2012 and she believes her experience in childcare, since 1984, working in different types of nurseries, family centres and children centres, then as an Early Years OFSTED inspector and more recently as an advisor for the Childminding Association has given her the skills to undertake her duties as lead governor for Safeguarding, Pupil Premium, Looked after children and Sports funding. She is a very approachable governor and welcomes parents going to her if they have any questions about being a governor or the school.

**Jo Sherry** - Jo joined the PTA in 2007 and became Secretary in 2009. She stepped down from this role in 2014 and continued to help on the PTA until last year. She has seen many changes in the school over the years and grew so fond of it she just couldn't leave when her youngest daughter moved on to Secondary School and so became a Foundation Governor in July 2016. It has been and continues to be, a pleasure for Jo to work with the staff and the children of this Outstanding School.

**Lindsey Kirkham** - Lindsey serves as a Foundation Governor of the school. This is Lindsey's second term in post so that shows she really enjoys being a part of the school. Her responsibilities on the governing body are chair of the Curriculum Committee and SEND governor. Working, for around twenty years, in a local school and closely with the SENDCo she became interested at raising the attainment of children of all abilities which gives Lindsey a good background for her roles.

**Karen Barclay** - Karen started her career in Financial Services at Deloitte before moving into Banking Supervision for the sector's regulator. She moved to the area in 2011 and decided to take a career break from the City to focus on her young children. During that time, Karen became the Registrar at a local school with responsibility for admissions and marketing. She has since returned to a corporate role as Head of Public Affairs for the regional water company, Anglian Water. With young children both thriving at the school, she enjoys being able to support the school having recently joined the Governing Body.

**Jane Mawer** - Jane moved to the area in 2000 to train as a solicitor at Maples Solicitors in Spalding. She qualified as a solicitor in 2002 and became an equity partner at Maples in 2007. She is head of the Wills and Probate department and specialises in inheritance tax. As a partner at Maples she is a member of the personnel committee and has assisted in the financial management of the firm. Jane brings a wide range of legal and business skills to the Governing body.



