

Montagu Academy Governors' Newsletter:

February 2016

We are delighted to bring you our first Governors' Newsletter. One of the aims of our Governing Body is to improve communication and links between Governors, Staff, Parents and Children. Our aim is that this newsletter strengthens those relationships. Through this first newsletter we plan to share with you who the Governors are and what our role is in school life. Please feel free to contact us through the school office with any questions or enquiries you might have, marked for the attention of the Governing Body. Contact details are shown at the end of this newsletter.

What does being a Governor involve?

Governors are a group of volunteers who include Parents, Staff and Members of the local community. Our main role is to promote ongoing improvements in standards throughout the school. We support the Headteacher and staff in identifying and planning the school's long-term direction. The full governing body meet each half term in order to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of schools actions. Each meeting has an agenda and there is also a spotlight section where a member of staff will share an aspect of school life (this may be selected by the governors) in order for the governors to understand the life of the school and ask questions. This also ensures all leaders are held to account. The spotlight sessions have been followed up by learning walks by governors.

Events during the Autumn Term 2015

In addition to the Governing Body's half termly meetings we support school in many other ways.

- Members of the Governing Body had lunch with the school council and asked questions about our school.
- Nicola Kershaw schools SEND governor has been working closely with the SEND leader, Joanna Bond, and has been involved in learning walks and discussions about how the school supports its pupils.
- Yvonne Buckley has visited school to conduct safeguarding checks.
- Susan Harrison has been elected as Chair of the Governing Body.

Our Governors:

Do you know your Governors? Below are details of the membership of our Governing Body:

Michael Walker

Sue Phillips

Nicola Kershaw

Tracey Leyland - Jepson

Katie Moran

Yvonne Buckley

Sue Holmes

Annette Flavell

Susan Harrison

You can get in touch with the Governing Body via the school office, using:

- Telephone: 01709 583286
- Email: business@montaguacademy.org
- Website: <http://www.montaguacademy.org/governors/>



Governors encourage all parents to tell us what they think about our school. By sharing your views, you will be helping us to improve. You will also be able to see what other parents have said about our school. You can do this at: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> or by clicking on the link on the website.