

# HUNSDON

## Governors' News



### Autumn Term 2019

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### Letter from the Chair

Dear Parents and Carers

Another first term of a new academic year nearly over! For many of your children that will have involved a change of class (or, for our new entrants, an introduction to schooling) and so I hope each has settled in well.

Whether they have moved class or not, though, they will be have faced new challenges in learning as they progress from year to year – but as I watch my own grandchildren progress through their schools, it never ceases to amaze me how each rises to that challenge. Would be that we could maintain that pace of learning throughout our lives!!

In writing this 'letter from the Chair' I have, in the past, found myself describing changes since the last newsletter. On this occasion, though, I have very little to report in terms of changes in staffing, or organisation or premises. The downside is that I cannot use previous letters as a template for this one; the upside (which is very much greater) is that means the

school has no distractions from providing the best education possible for its pupils.

Something that is new, however, is the Hunsdon Ground Force - an initiative taken by some parents to spend a day (perhaps two) tidying and improving the school grounds during school holidays. On each occasion, a great deal of work has been accomplished and - I think we can say – a great deal of satisfaction derived from the outcome. Thanks, on behalf of the Governing Body, to everyone who contributed to that and, in particular, to those who took the initiative to start it.

Another small change is in the constitution of the Governing Body, with an increase in the number of governors and recruitment of Mike Warr to fill the additional post – but more of that following in this newsletter.

As ever, the success of the school is predominantly down to the staff, and so I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governing Body, to thank Mr Millward and every single member of staff for their hard work and dedication throughout 2019.

My warmest wishes that you and your families have a Merry Christmas, and hopes that you all have a Happy New Year

With best regards

**Mike Newman**

Chair of Governors, Hunsdon JMI School

### Dates for your diary:

#### SPRING TERM 2019

INSET Day Monday 6th January

Term Starts Tuesday 7th January

Half Term Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

Term Ends Friday 3rd April (at 2.30pm)

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## Your Governing Body

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Clerk to the Governors  
Parent Governor  
Associate Governor  
Co-opted Governor  
Staff Governor  
Head Teacher

Daniel Munns  
Sikhu Ngwenya  
Steve Price  
Nick Saw  
David Wilson  
Mike Warr

Co-opted Governor  
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Parent Governor  
Co-opted Governor  
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Parent Governor



### Introduction to Mike Warr, our new Parent Governor

**Who am I?:** I am a parent from Hunsdon with two children at the school - one in Year One and one in Year Three

**What is my role as a governor?:** I was recently elected as a Parent Governor by the parents of children at the school so thank you for your support. My role is to bring a parent's perspective to the governance of the school. I have also been asked to edit this newsletter so please do let me know if there is anything specific you would like to hear about from the governors or any of their activities and committees that you would like the newsletter to feature.

**What do I do?:** I am a Programme manager for the Essex + Herts Digital Innovation Zone, a partnership of local authorities, health, education and community / voluntary organisations plus private sector businesses looking to make the most of what digital has to offer to 'our place' in East Herts, Epping Forest, Uttlesford, Harlow and Broxbourne.

**Where will you find me outside of work?:** Out in a record shop buying music or sat at home listening to music or somewhere else reading about music. That and struggling to recapture my more athletic past at a Parkrun on Saturday mornings.

**“Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year”  
from all of your  
governing body**



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