

HUNSDON

Governors' News



Spring Term 2019

Letter from the Chair

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I had to be very circumspect in my wording of last term's Governors' News, because I was aware of the Ofsted Inspector's draft report, but had been sworn to secrecy until it was released in early January. But now the secret is out; Hunsdon JMI is officially an Outstanding School.

Now, I no longer have children at the school, but I imagine as parents there must be great satisfaction in knowing that your children are being taught within the very best environment. And certainly, from the school's point of view, there are benefits in achieving an Outstanding status, in that further Ofsted inspections (with all the distraction they entail) become fewer and further between, and it increases the likelihood that parents will choose Hunsdon and therefore we will have a full school. Keeping as close as possible to our nominal intake of 15 each year is really important because funding is per child and — as I'm sure you will have picked up from recent correspondence from Mr. Millward — every school across the country is feeling the pinch. However, with a full school and, having condensed Years 1 and 2 into a single class last year (and lost one teaching post in the process), the Governors are confident that our school's finances remain on a firm footing.

So, our new status is something to celebrate and make the most of — but it hasn't come about by luck; it has been achieved principally through the hard work and dedication of our staff — not just over the past few months but, in my view, over very many years. We should again pay tribute to Mr. Millward and every other member of staff for their efforts in achieving that fantastic outcome. The second group I must acknowledge is the children themselves; their outstanding behaviour and intrinsic sense of co-operation is something which the Inspector picked up on and which I have always been conscious of. In fact, I had an opportunity to see this again first hand when I accompanied a school trip to St Albans Cathedral this week, our guide there went out of her way to comment how well the group had contributed and behaved throughout the day.

This year's late Easter should mean that that weather will be more amenable to getting out and about over the holidays, but whatever your plans, I hope you have a great break.

Best regards,

Mike Newman

Chair of Governors, Hunsdon JMI School

Your Governing Body

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Diane Fossey	Co-opted Governor	Andrew Turner	Associate Governor
Lindzee Macaulay	Staff Governor	David Wilson	Co-opted Governor
Jon Millward	Head Teacher		

Changes in the Governing Body

I am delighted to welcome Nick Saw as a new co-opted governor onto the Governing Body. Remiss of me not to have cajoled Nick into giving us a short pen-picture but we will correct that in the next edition!

Dates for your diary:

SUMMER TERM 2019

Term Starts Tuesday 23rd April 2019
 May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
 Half Term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May
 INSET Day Friday 21st June
 INSET Day Monday 24th June
 Term Ends Wednesday 24th July (at 2.30pm)

Friends of Hunsdon School News

As ever, thanks go to the Friends of Hunsdon School for their support with fundraising activities. Funds raised recently have been spent on supporting the school in delivering 'Wow' experiences - paying for special visitors and coaches to interesting places. Please look out for details of the next events in 2019!

Hunsdon Governor News is also available in large print. Please contact the School for a copy.

