

HUNSDON

Governors' News



Summer Term 2016

Letter from the Chair

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of another school year is upon us, so it is time to reflect on some of the achievements.

I took some time to be in school over recent weeks and it was great to see such a fabulous team working together so smoothly. I was also lucky enough to see the fabulous play by Cedar class. Very entertaining and very encouraging to see the children thriving; a confident group of children enjoying themselves in what they achieve. Such a fabulous aspect of our school is to see them take on a wider curriculum.

The school has been through the first year of a new SATs test regime and we are yet to fully gauge where we sit. However from first impressions it seems like the pupils have made a fantastic achievement with some very impressive results. See page 3 for more details. The team will dissect the results over the Autumn term to understand the performance better and how we can make further tweaks to improve what is already a great formula.

So on behalf of the Governors, I would like to congratulate our pupils on their achievements, the fabulous staff on their outstanding work, dedication and passion, and Mr Millward on his leadership of the team. We bid a fond farewell and good luck to our Year 6 leavers who seem so well equipped to take on their next challenge. We also have some staff members who are moving on so we wish them all the best for the next step in their careers and thank them for their hard work at Hunsdon.

Hope you all have a good holiday and a well-deserved summer break.

Ed Nicklin
Chair of Governors

Your Governing Body

Ed Nicklin:	Co-opted Governor, Chair of Governors
Daniel Munns:	Co-opted Governor
Diane Fossey:	Co-opted Governor
David Wilson:	Co-opted Governor
Jon Millward	Head Teacher
Mike Newman	Local Authority Governor, Vice Chair
Lindzee Macaulay	Teacher Governor
Jackie Carthy	Co-opted Governor
Matt Simpson	Parent Governor
Lynn Barnett	Parent Governor
Jen Park	Co-opted Governor
Karen Osterley	Clerk to the Governors

Finance subcommittee

Jackie Carthy (Chair)
Lynn Barnett
Jon Millward
Ed Nicklin
David Wilson

Premises subcommittee

Mike Newman (Chair)
Jon Millward
Daniel Munns
Matt Simpson

Curriculum subcommittee

Diane Fossey (Chair)
Lindzee Macaulay
David Wilson
Jon Millward

Personnel subcommittee

Ed Nicklin (Chair)
Jon Millward
Jackie Carthy
Mike Newman

Pupil Discipline Panel

Ed Nicklin (Chair)
Jackie Carthy
Mike Newman

Complaints Panel

Mike Newman (Chair)
Matt Simpson
Diane Fossey
Daniel Munns
David Wilson

Core Responsibilities of the Governing Body

- a. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- b. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
- c. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.
- d. Maintaining continual improvement

Achievement

Hunsdon JMI School KS2 SATs results 2016

Subject	Percentage attaining 'Expected Standard Achieved'	
	School	National
Reading	100%	66%
Writing	100%	74%
Mathematics	100%	70%
Spelling and Grammar	100%	72%
Reading, Writing and Mathematics	100%	53%

These are the results of the first Key Stage 2 SATs tests based on the new, much changed, curriculum. The results are very good compared to the National Average.

Academy Status

As you may have seen in the press there was much publicity on the Government mandate that all schools needed to convert to Academy status (a very distant political memory since Brexit). There followed somewhat of a U-turn on this mandate by the government. Since then School Governing Body has taken a lot of time to consider the information available to come to a consensus on which direction the school should take.

With the information available the Governing body does not feel there is a compelling argument to take up Academy status at this point in time. We feel there are no stand-out positives and that there is significant risk to the balance and ethos of our school. Hunsdon JMI's ethos is good, the achievements are excellent and the finances are sound. We will keep our ears very close to the ground on this subject as the education landscape is changing rapidly at the moment.

We want to make sure we are in the best position to provide an outstanding education for our pupils.

Edward Nicklin – Chair of Governors

Dates for your diary::

Friday 22nd July	End of term 2.30 pm
Thursday 1st September	Inset Day
Friday 2nd September	Inset Day
Monday 5th September	Term Starts
Monday 24th October -	
Friday 28th October	Half Term
Wednesday 21st December	End of Term 2.30 pm

Friends' news

The May Fayre on Saturday 14th May was a great success, bringing the community together for a day of fun and games and making £2,500 in the process.

A Barn Dance is planned for the evening of Saturday 16th July, so please join us for what promises to be a very entertaining evening.

Whether or not you have a child in the school, if you are interested in getting involved in the village the Friends of Hunsdon School welcome you. They are always looking for volunteers to help make the activities and events a success.

If you would like to become a Friend of the school please contact either by e-mail at hunsdonfriends@gmail.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/hunsdonfriends.

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and staff for their continued commitment and support for Hunsdon JMI and to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing summer break..



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