



# Warren Park Primary School Governors

## Newsletter January 2024

What a fantastic start we've had to the new academic year. There have been so many activities and brilliant things that the kids have been up to. With a whole week dedicated to reading to really nurture the children's love of reading to school trips to enrich the kids learning there are so many good things that we could say. This newsletter is a small insight into what we, the Governing Body, have been up to over the last few weeks since the start of the school year.

### **Sad goodbyes and warm welcomes!**

We were very sorry to see Beryl Francis retire from the Warren Park Governing Body at the end of the school year in July. Beryl was a firm friend of the school and dedicated her time to ensure that the education provided for the children attending the school was the best it could be.

Also, we said goodbye to Angela Armstrong at the start of this year, and I'm sure we would all like to take the opportunity to thank Angela for her contribution to the school.

We also elected a new member of the Governing Body, Ian Hiscutt. Some of you may know Ian from his days working in the school with the Year 6 team.

Ian retired from Warren Park School but has decided to join the governing body to support the school in a different way.



### **Do you know anyone interested in being a governor?**

**If you, or anyone you know would be interested in joining the largest group of volunteers in the country, then please get in touch.**

**Being a governor for the school is a great way to be involved in your community life and to support making a difference to hundreds of children.**

**If you're interested, please get in touch at the school office to arrange an informal chat with any of the existing governors.**

## Chair and Vice Chair Elections

At the start of every school year elections take place amongst the Full Governing Board to elect a Chair and Vice Chair of Governors.

This year Nicky Scullard has been elected Chair of Governors and Chris Purnell has been elected Vice Chair.

Helen Fisk has been a long-standing Chair of Governors for the school and the whole governing board wants to take the opportunity to thank Helen for her dedication to the school. We're extremely lucky that Helen will be staying on as a member of the governing board to support the school over the coming terms.

## What have we done this term?

- We've met 4 times so far this year, with our last meeting undertaking training to understand how we can support the school better on our monitoring visits.
- Chris has been in every week on Safeguarding visits to meet with staff and the student council. Chris fed back that "it was brilliant meeting with the student council, they're so passionate and a real credit to the school!"
- Ian undertook his first visit in Year R and really started to get to grips with Monster Phonics and the Early Years Curriculum. Gemma met with Mrs Lofting to get a much better understanding of the SEND and Pupil Premium Strategy. Miss Tester undertook a Learning walk with Mr Ayling to understand how technology is used to enhance the curriculum.
- Some of us were dancing at the school disco whilst helping the staff make it as enjoyable as possible and helping out at the Christmas Fair!

**Finally, we'd like to wish everyone in our Warren Park Family a Happy New Year!**