



Sheerhatch Governor Newsletter

May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has this year gone?! We are already approaching our last half term before the end of the school year and signs of spring and dare we say it, summer, are around us. It has been a while since we last produced a Governor's newsletter but this school year has not been a typical year.

We have said goodbye to Mrs Buisson after 12 years working at Sheerhatch. Thank you to all that contributed to her leaving collection. We were able to buy a 'golden memories' rose bush and vouchers for her to spend at Frosts. We wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Williams has joined us as our new Head and has been working hard to get to know the wonderful staff, parents, carers and children at Sheerhatch. We look forward to working with her and moving Sheerhatch forward.

Our year 6's have just finished their SATS and we want to say a huge well done to all of them. We would also like to say a big thank you to Miss Anthony and Mr Cresswell for all that they have done to help prepare the year 6's for their SATS and for hosting SATS breakfasts each morning.

Mrs Bourne is leaving us this week and we wish her all the best in her new job. Mrs Cunningham has already started with us as our new Office Manager, we look forward to working with her.

Thank you as well to all staff, parents and carers for your continuing support and understanding in what has been an interesting year. We look forward to seeing what the final summer term brings!

GOVERNANCE

We became Co-Chairs of Governors in September and have worked hard completing extra training and working to ensure the best for Sheerhatch. One of our biggest challenges has been working through the recruitment of a new Head. We are very lucky to have been able to recruit Mrs Williams and are sure that she will do amazing things at Sheerhatch!

We have recently welcomed Anna as a co-opted Governor and Amanda as our new parent Governor.

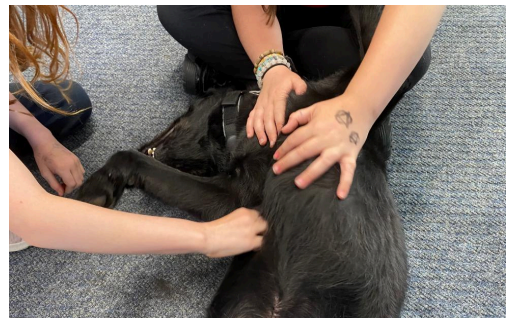
We continue to meet as a Full Governing Board and within our two committees – curriculum and resources. We would like to thank all the Governing Board for their hard work and dedication, especially as pressures have increased, we are all volunteers that have day jobs, families and other commitments.

Looking ahead, we will be working on our School Development Plan, focusing on staff wellbeing and agreeing lead Governor roles and preparing for 2024/25.

BERTIE AND THE READ TO DOGS SCHEME

Bertie has been coming into Sheerhatch with our Governor Mary since Easter. He has been coming in as part of the Canine Concern Read to Dogs programme.

Mary says that ‘Bertie enjoys his visits to Willington and Cople and is always desperate to be let inside. He is in his element being stroked, performing tricks, following commands and just sitting quietly with his head on someone’s lap while he is being read to.’



YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU

You will hopefully have seen the request for volunteers to help with some sanding and painting at our Cople site over May half term. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to spare some of your time to help.

If you are unable to help this time, please look out for future events and requests for help. Even the smallest gesture really does make a difference to our school.



If there is any information you would like to know about the Governors and the work we are doing, please get in touch.

Sarah and Paul

Co-Chair of Governors

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We are all individuals, but stronger together



Your Governing Board

The role of the school governor is demanding but very rewarding and is a good way to give back to your local community. The governors are volunteers and give up their skills, experience and time for free in order to help and support our school.

Co-Chair	Sarah Cropley	Parent Governor	HT Performance Management Link Governor for Curriculum and Early Years Sits on Curriculum Committee
Co-Chair	Paul Emery	Co-opted Governor	HT Performance Management Link Governor for Health and Safety Sits on Resources Committee
Vice Chair	Martina Foster	Co-opted Governor	Link Governor for Safeguarding Sits on Curriculum Committee
	Cheryl Williams	Head Teacher	
	Ellie Case	Staff Governor	Sits on Resources Committee
	Joyce Tucker	Co-opted Governor	Link Governor for SEN Chair of Resources Committee
	Joanne McDowell	Co-opted Governor	Link Governor for Equality Chair of Curriculum Committee
	Mary Whitehead	Co-opted Governor	Link Governor for Pupil Premium and Ass SEN Sits on Curriculum Committee
	Siobhan Godden	Co-opted Governor	Link Governor for Website and Training Sits on Resources Committee
	Linda Behan	Co-opted Governor	Link Governor for Care Club Sits on Resources Committee
	Anna Donovan	Co-opted Governor	Link Governor for Curriculum Sits on Curriculum Committee

	Amanda Burt	Parent Governor	Link Governor for Marketing Sits on Resources Committee
Clerk	Helen Endersby-Wood		