



### Message from the Chair of Governors

Welcome to our new look Governors' Newsletter. I thank fellow governors Claire Davidson and Charmaine Smith for their work in devising and producing the newsletter.

It was nice to meet so many of you at the first of the Learning Conversations Evenings. Thanks to those who completed the 'Governor Questionnaire'. Following our analysis of the feedback we will, as a Board, seek to improve communication with you.

The Christmas Fayre was a great success being so well supported. There were five governors at the Fayre. At one point there were so many people present that it looked as if we should have had a larger venue. Items produced by the children were of high quality and those who were assisting at stalls showed great maturity and confidence. Well done to them.

Governors are pleased with the continuing overall upward trend in progress and attainment of pupils. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter this is assisted by a school –parent partnership where the beneficiary is your child.

Thank you for taking the time to read this short newsletter.

#### Meet the board

**Chair:** Mr J A Armstrong

**Vice Chair:** Mrs. C Davidson

Mrs. J Dyer

Mrs. C Thomas

Mr S Fortune

Mrs. C Smith

Mrs. W Smith

Mr J Passmore

Mrs. K Ayres

**Governors are contactable through the school office**

#### What do we do?

The Governing Board provides strategic leadership and accountability in schools. It has three key functions:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

#### Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you all for taking the time to complete our short questionnaire.

The feedback showed that less than 40% of parents knew who the governors were and how to contact us despite the information being shared in previous newsletters.

This information has been included in this newsletter. We have taken on board all comments and discussed these at our recent full governors meeting.

#### Governors in school

This term the full governing board have met twice and each of the sub committees has met once.

Governors have also been in school looking at assessment, Health and Safety, Pupil Premium, School Trips, Mathematics, SEN and Finance.

