



## GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2008



### **CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE**

We are now nearly at the end of another academic year. It has been a busy year for everybody, with a focus on building on the progress in standards we made last year. Staffing has proved to be a major influence on our time and focus, with both new appointments and absences due to health issues. I'd like to personally thank the staff, pupils and parents who supported the school during this period. We welcomed Art Zone and Weave to our premises this year and we look forward to the successful partnership this seems to be becoming. Not only are there good opportunities for our own pupils to be involved with Art Zone, it also presents an opportunity for members of other schools and the community to visit our school. With Little Willows Pre-school and the Extended Schools co-ordinator on site, plus a local football team using the grounds, the school is being well used.

### **THE GOVERNORS 07/08**

Judith Falp - Chair  
 John Atkins - Vice Chair  
 Elizabeth Stanley - Head Teacher  
 Anne Sykes  
 Adam Humphries  
 Russell Palmer  
 Penelope Batchelor  
 Terry Shepherd  
 Sybil Mlambo  
 David Mason  
 Terry Shepherd

We welcomed David Mason to the Governing Body this term. David has a range of

experience in local government and business and lives locally in Whitnash. Fiona Halliday started a new job after Easter and we will ask the staff to nominate a new teacher governor in the autumn. With just one vacancy now for a parent governor it was agreed to also advertise this in the Autumn Term so new parents as well as existing parents could apply

### **CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS**

Governor's meetings always used to be held in the computer room, however, it was agreed this year that meetings would be held in a different class each time to allow Governors to observe the work being undertaken in the school. An item of observation of the classroom was always put on the Governor's agenda. Explanations of the targets set and displayed in the classroom were given. Opportunities to look at the children's work displayed and descriptions about the topics helped Governors in their observations. Teachers spend time before and after school and sometimes on training days creating a classroom environment that helps stimulate learning opportunities. Children are very proud when a piece of their work is on display for others to see.

**The Governors send good wishes to those staff, parents and pupils moving on this summer. We especially want to send good wishes for her retirement to Ann Goldworthy. Thank you Ann for your many years of excellent work.**