



Governor Newsletter September 2018

Langham Village School, a place for fun, creativity, friendship, ambition and discovery

Welcome to our latest Governor Newsletter. As ever, there has been a lot of activity in the school and we hope to have another great academic year in 2018/19.

The governing body at Langham Village School is made up of:

Matthew Coe – Parent Governor and current Chair. Matt has recently become a qualified primary school teacher.

Polly Kossowicz – Headteacher

Maggie Broad – Community Governor, Maggie has been a headteacher and also an Ofsted inspector. She is currently advisor to the Norfolk Diocese for their church schools.

Denise Markham Wroe - Co-opted as a governor in 2016, and currently Vice Chair, she has a focus on communication and publicity. Denise has one child at the school and was a director of an advertising and communications agency until last year. She is now the Venue Director of a beautiful arts & crafts residence in Kelling.

Jennie Walker - Jennie has one child at Langham. Before moving to Norfolk, Jennie was a science teacher at a secondary school in Camberwell, London, and now runs a guesthouse in Cley with her husband James. As a co-opted Governor she brings her experience in education to support the Teaching and Learning committee.

Suzy Duckworth - Suzy is a co-opted governor and she participates in the Curriculum and Personnel Committee. Suzy completed an English degree and had a career in healthcare management, before studying medicine. She now works as a GP and has an interest in child development and safeguarding to promote a nurturing learning environment.

We will be recruiting a Staff Governor at the start of the Autumn term as our previous Staff Governor retired at the end of the summer term 2018.

Become involved

After the retirement of a long standing member of the Governing Body last year, we are actively seeking a new community Governor with Finance and/or Premises experience. Please email our Chair, Matt on: mcoe74rf@nsix.org.uk if you know someone who would be interested and suitable for this role.

What have the governing body done recently?

Jet Class Refurbishment

In the summer of 2017 the governors commissioned the external refurbishment of Jet Class. Through the donation of one parent's design and project management skills and some local suppliers lending their support we were able to transform an 'eyesore' into an open, light and insulated classroom for all pupils throughout their time at Langham to enjoy.

This summer we have been able to install an external classroom for all children to use, whatever the weather - especially during Woodland Learning sessions.

Appointment of new teacher for Amber Class

We are really excited to have Mrs Barrington join the teaching staff to work alongside Mrs Kossowicz 3 days per week in Amber Class. Mrs Barrington comes with many years experience in Early Years and we know she will be a great asset to the school.

Training

Our Governor, Suzy Duckworth completed a Data Protection course to ensure we continue to be fully compliant with the latest data protection laws brought into force earlier this year.

Denise Markham Wroe completed an Introduction to School Finance certificate and Suzy Duckworth will be completing Safer Recruitment training. All Governors have been trained in safeguarding and Child Protection.



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What's happening next?

The Governing Board are really excited about all of the new pupils in Coral Class and look forward to these healthy numbers continuing through the school to help build a stronger community. As ever, we are very keen to ensure that all stakeholders involved in the success of the school have a voice and work together to ensure the school's ongoing success.

Therefore, as part of Denise Markham Wroe's remit she organises a Parents' Forum, giving parents an opportunity to attend a discussion so that everyone's thoughts and suggestions about the school can be heard. This will be held in the Autumn term, feel free to chat to Denise if you'd like to ask for something specific to be discussed and added to the agenda.

Please don't forget to add your views to Parent View by visiting:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

It's really important for all Parents/Carers to give their views about the school, we really appreciate you taking a few minutes to do this.

How can I find out more?

Minutes of the meetings are available online and outside the reception office.

Please see our school chart (outside the reception office) which shows the Governors and Staff at the school.

Please feel free to speak to one of the Governors or contact our Chair, Matthew Coe directly.

He can be contacted on:

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