



Billingshurst Primary School

# Governor Newsletter

*Learning, growing and achieving excellence together*

July 2022

Hello and welcome to our last newsletter of the academic year. We have had a busy term as governors and have taken part in several monitoring visits in school with a focus on safeguarding, SEND and Health & Safety as well as individual subject areas - including reading, writing, history, art and music.

Governors share the information they collect from these visits through written and verbal reports in order that other governors have a clear understanding of the key learning points and a greater awareness of what is happening across the school.

As you are aware, we have been joined by several new governors this year too and as promised, we'll let them introduce themselves to you:

**Sue Samson, MBE:** "I am delighted to be joining the governing body of Billingshurst Primary School as I retire from a full-time role in the education sector. I am passionate about the power of education to enrich lives and to provide children with opportunities to believe in themselves and to achieve their dreams and aspirations. I look forward to supporting the school in its great work to provide exceptional education in our community."

**Payal Bagchi:** "'I work in Financial Services and my interest in education has been a feature throughout my life, primarily due to having moved around a lot in my childhood and experience of a variety of systems in multiple countries. This even resulted in my thesis in the 'Mathematics in Education' module of my degree being on the pros and cons of streaming in education with an emphasis on Mathematics. I hope to bring my customary enthusiasm and curiosity to my new role as school governor."

**Annette Calver:** "I am delighted to join the Governing Body of Billingshurst Primary School; I moved to Billingshurst in 2017 and have four grandchildren at BPS. My professional background is in education, I was Headteacher of a Surrey primary school for 23 years. I hope to make a positive contribution to the school by supporting it to continually improve and maintain high standards in all areas."

**Richard Runalls:** "I have been welcomed as a parent governor and have a son in Year 3 and my youngest son will be joining in September. I have a background in working with children who have special educational needs. My experience of the difficulties faced by these children and their families will ensure that the support and championing of these children and families be a key focus of mine."

**Chris Harding-Edgar:** "I wanted to become part of village life when I moved to Billingshurst in 2021, and also to make a contribution to the education of younger children here. My working career has been spent partly in the City and in the catering trade (Wine Bars and Restaurants) and, for the last 25 years in financial services. I have, up until very recently, run my own businesses and feel that the experience gained in these gives me a broad set of qualifications to bring to role of a Governor."

**Ross Kelland:** "I am really pleased to have been appointed as co-opted governor at Billingshurst Primary School in 2022. With my two sons set to begin their journey at the school this seems like the perfect time to use some of the skills I have developed in a twenty year career as a police officer to help the school be the best it can."

## Goodbye and good luck!

We were privileged to join Year 6 at Blackland Farm earlier in the term and they showcased skills such as teamwork, respect, and resilience in abundance. We have no doubt they will embark on their new adventures at secondary school with the same skills and enthusiasm, and we wish them all the best! We would also like to say goodbye to the members of staff leaving us and thank them for all their hard work too. And last but not least, we hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer, and we shall see you in September!



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