

Governors' Newsletter

Message from the Chair

This is the first of what I hope will be annual newsletters from the Governors of St Michael's Playden. Whilst we look forward to 2012 being another successful year for the school, the last few weeks 2011 were especially hectic as in addition to the Christmas Party, Nativity at Iden Church etc. we also has an Ofsted Inspection.

You should already have a received a copy of the Ofsted Inspection report from the school. I hope that you have had the chance to read it as many of the comments it makes are very encouraging, especially on behaviour, academic standards and the progress that all students make at St Michael's. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who completed the Ofsted questionnaire. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and a number of the comments made featured in the final report. This made a very good impression on the Ofsted Inspectors.

In 2011 the school had another excellent year. Our Key Stage 2 results put us in the top 20% of schools in East Sussex and our Maths results were particularly strong.

Our sports teams won a number of medals in local competitions and we developed links with primary schools on a local, national and international basis.

The staff at the school have all worked incredibly hard in order to deliver this and as a Governing Body we would like to thank them for their efforts.

Going forward into 2012 we will obviously be affected by the funding constraints that are affecting the whole of the state education sector. However I am sure that John Greenway, the teachers and support staff will work creatively and constructively, with the full support of the Governors, in order to ameliorate many of the effects of the tightening budgetary conditions.

The next few years should prove to be an exciting time in the life of the school. We are still attempting to get a hall for the school (with the full support of our MP), we continue to strive for educational excellence and we also want to move ourselves more into the community. For example the Governing Body itself is forging closer links with Governing Bodies of similar local primary schools in order to share best practice, costs and experiences.

Finally we never forget that the most important people in the school are your children. Everything we do and every decision taken is always done with their best interests at heart. Your continued support of the school is vital in helping us in that.

Overleaf are details of our current Board of Governors.

Whilst I appreciate that there are many ways to support the school we currently need a couple of additional Governors in order to replace those leaving in September 2012.

The commitment is just a few hours every term but the role is very rewarding and puts you at the heart of the running of the school. No special skills are needed beyond a desire to help the school to continue to improve.

If you would be interested in becoming a Governor please do not hesitate to approach any of us or simply ask John Greenway for further information. By all of us working together we can continue to take St Michael's to the highest levels of educational excellence and community engagement.

Darryl Wall



Meet the Governors

Darryl Wall (Chair) Community Governor



Debbie Keen Community Governor



Rev Teresa Munro Foundation Governor



Peter Challans Foundation Governor



David Rhys-Jones Parent Governor



Helen Sargent Parent Governor



Fiona Osborne Parent Governor



John Greenway Staff Governor



Toby Cooke Staff Governor



Denise Sheppard Staff Governor

