



HALFWAY NURSERY INFANT SCHOOL – GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER no 4 18th December 2017

Governance Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2017

Welcome to the second Governing Body newsletter of this academic year. We aim to distribute this newsletter once every half term to update parents, families and carers on the work of the Governing Body at Halfway Nursery Infant School.

The three main roles of the governing body are:

- * agreeing the strategic direction for the school;
- * acting as a 'critical friend';
- * ensuring accountability.

What have the GB been doing this half term?

We have been busy! Much of our time has been spent planning for the recruitment of a new Headteacher. This has involved meeting with all our staff and seeking their views on the future leadership of the school. We have also asked parents and children, via the School Councillors, for their views on what they would like to see in a new Headteacher. Our children had some great ideas - they would like a kind and caring Headteacher who will encourage them and watch them learn.

There is still time to add your views to the recruitment process by emailing hnisgovq@gmail.com. Our job advert for the role will be available as soon as possible, with recruitment taking place throughout January.

The Governors have also completed two monitoring visits to assess:

- outcomes for the most vulnerable children pastorally, academically and holistically;
- middle and subject leaders, to improve further the quality of teaching and learning, ensuring more teaching is consistently outstanding across the school in all subjects of the curriculum.

All Governors also attended Data Training which provided an overview of the progress and attainment data across the school, benchmarked against national averages. Governors will be expected to understand this data in preparation for our next OFSTED visit.

Governor Spotlight - Matt Sheridan

Each newsletter will feature an overview of one of our Governors. Here is a pen picture of our new Local Authority Governor, Matt Sheridan.



I am really pleased to have joined Halfway Nursery & Infant School as the new Local Authority Governor, and am greatly looking forward to getting stuck into the role. The Governing Body at HNIS is extremely committed to the School and, indeed, the children that attend, and from my engagement so far, I can see that the Governing Body really complements the dedicated staff that work for the school.

I have lived in Sheffield all my life, so I have a real affinity with the city and I love the profound sense of community that all parts of the city share. In my day job I work for Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Industry and support over 1200 Businesses within Sheffield City Region. I hope to bring my corporate experience to the Governing Body but, as a parent of 2 children aged 6 and 11, I bring a real understanding of a crucial part of life for the children and for the parents of Halfway Nursery & Infant School.

I enjoy spending my spare time with my partner and my 2 children, Harry and Olivia. Thankfully, they also enjoy my lifelong passion for ice hockey and we regularly go to watch our home team play. When I'm not working, being a dad or chauffeuring the kids to their many hobbies, I love to take my German Shepherd Max out for walks in the woods - although sometimes I wonder who is taking who for the walk!

I look forward to meeting all of the children and parents at the school, and to becoming a part of this great school community.

The Next Issue!

In our next newsletter we will provide you with an update regarding the recruitment of our new Headteacher! In the meantime, the Governing Body would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and happy new year!