



## Burlington Junior School

# GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

### Summer Term 2020

### Who are the Governors?

Alison Beckett Headteacher  
 Lucy Grimshaw Local Authority Governor & Vice-Chair  
 Sian Hart Parent Governor  
 Miriam Ireland Parent Governor  
 Aileen Moss Co-opted Governor & Chair  
 Suzanne Robson Co-opted Governor  
 Linda Scargill Staff Governor

### Governor Vacancies

We currently have 4 Governor vacancies and are particularly interested in finding people who have time to devote to the role and who have financial skills and expertise. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested then please contact the Chair of Governors at the email address below.

### During lockdown

The Governors have maintained their responsibilities for ensuring that the school is well run during lockdown and that Government guidelines are being implemented. This has included:

- receiving information and updates on key areas such as arrangements for implementing social distancing guidelines, group/class 'bubbles' and the deployment of staff
- monitoring how the school is providing continuity of education and support for parents/carers to help them educate their children at home
- monitoring how the school is continuing to provide care for children who are vulnerable, children with Education Health Care plans and the children of key workers
- ensuring that procedures are in place to monitor the wellbeing and welfare of staff and pupils
- putting in place arrangements to ensure that the Governing Body can carry out urgent business and decision making
- holding virtual meetings
- undertaking on-line training on Data Protection and Equality and Diversity



### Positive Play

The school has also been promoting positive play at lunchtimes during this academic year. New play equipment has been purchased and Play Leaders have been appointed and trained.

If you want to get in touch please either leave a message at the school office or contact Aileen Moss, Chair of Governors, directly by email at [a.moss@bjs.eriding.net](mailto:a.moss@bjs.eriding.net)

## Reading Ambassadors

During this academic year, the school has been promoting reading for pleasure. This has included creating reading displays and reading areas in classrooms and around the school, purchasing new books, giving pupils opportunities to read for pleasure and sharing books in assemblies. Two Reading Ambassadors were appointed from each year group to help to promote reading and to engage children with reading. The Chair and Vice-Chair met with the Reading Ambassadors to ask them about their role. Here are the answers to 2 of the questions that we asked them.



What's the best part about being a Reading Ambassador?

Answers:

- helping others
- inspiring children to read
- setting a good example by reading at home



How do you help to promote reading in school?

Answers:

- read with other children
- ask children what books they like to read
- help children to find books in the library area

## Governor Visits

Prior to lockdown governors had regularly visited the school. These visits included:

- watching children learning in the classroom
- looking at children's books
- reviewing and analysing performance data
- completing safeguarding and health and safety audits
- meeting with the Headteacher to keep up-to-date on what's happening at school
- meeting with the school's Improvement Advisor
- supporting concerts and other events

*Thank you!*

The Governors would like to thank all the staff and pupils for their hard work throughout the year and wish the Year 6 leavers every success for the future. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to those families and staff who will be joining us in September. Finally, the Governors would like to thank you for your continuing support of the school. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

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