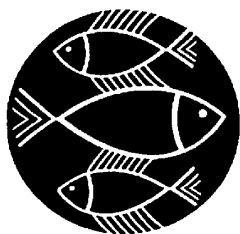


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# Governor Newsletter

## Update from Brighstone CE Aided Primary School Governors

With the appointments of Revd Helen O'Sullivan and William Cumming, and the election of Sarah Pocock, the Governing Body is now nearly up to full strength with only one Foundation vacancy which is due to be filled by Julie Hailes, who is currently an Associate Member.

Helen O'Sullivan, originally from Sheffield, worked in Mental Health (OMHCT) and Logistics (Oxford University Press) prior to training for ministry in Oxford and serving her curacy in rural Oxfordshire. She has particular expertise in process reengineering, project management, safeguarding, developing children's spirituality and liturgy. Helen was licensed as Priest-in-Charge to the five parishes of Brighstone, Brook with Mottistone, Chale and Shorwell on the 19th of November as so serves on the governing body ex-officio.

Liam Cumming is the newly appointed Local Authority Governor. Liam lives in Chale, is a member of Chale Parish Council, a Landscape Photographer and retired IT Consultant. Liam's interests include hiking with his two husky cross dogs, wildlife watching and caring for the environment.

Sarah Pocock lives in Brighstone and is the mum of Chloe in Year 2 as well as Hannah who is three and at Brighstone Playgroup. Sarah was elected parent governor in October this year and has since had the opportunity to sit on both the Leadership, Management and Community Committee and the Quality of Education, Standards and Outcomes Committee meetings. Sarah looks forward to taking an active role in the Governing Body.

Name	Category	Term Ends	Special Responsibilities
Roy Bromley	Foundation	20.11.15	Chair of FGB; Looked After Children, Special Educational Needs
Kirsti Capelin	Staff	31.08.12	
William Douglas Cumming	LA	24.11.15	
Ross Davidson	Parent	08.10.13	Gifted and Talented; Health & Safety; Performance Management
Gill Greig-Allen	Foundation	28.03.15	Curriculum including RE
Amanda Johnston	Staff	From 01.09.09	Headteacher
Samantha Keen	Foundation	31.08.13	Vice Chair of FGB; Numeracy
Jan Munt	Staff	31.08.12	Behaviour
Helen O'Sullivan	Foundation	From 19.11.11	
Beth Peckham	Foundation	07.12.14	Literacy
Sarah Pocock	Parent	12.10.15	
Denis Russell	Foundation	31.08.12	Child protection
Jerry Willis	Foundation	29.10.13	
Vacancy	Foundation		
Julie Hailes	Associate Member		Extended Schools; Foundation Stage
Jill Wareham	Clerk to Governors		

## **Did you know that school governors are the largest volunteer group in the UK?**

At Brighstone CE Aided School, governors are expected to attend committee and Full Governing Body meetings (about one every three weeks) as well as visiting school to get a greater understanding of how pupils are progressing.

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### **Roy Bromley reports on one of his visits to Year 4:**

“One of the many delights in being a governor is having the opportunity to get to know a class a little better. I have been link governor with the children in Year 4 for the passed 3 years. As the link governor I try to go into class at least every half term. The last time I went in they were just about finishing a project on World War 2. The classroom was full of information on what happened and the major dates and events.

Sadly I missed the afternoon when they were cooking using recipes and ingredients from the time. However I did make it when someone from Carisbrooke Museum came in with lots of authentic items from the war. We were treated to an explanation of what life was like for those at home and the sort of things they were issued with. We then split into small groups to look at and sort the different items from the museum. We had uniforms, ration books and letters to look at and this generated a huge amount of real interest from the class.

The lesson was excellent but the real benefit was just being in the class with the children and being on hand to do what ever the class teacher wanted.

Being a governor is not all about meetings – it’s about the children and helping the school to provide the best education possible. The times we spend in the classroom helps us to retain that perspective – and have fun at the same time!”

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Gill Greig-Allen is a retired dyslexia/special needs teacher who lives in Brook, having moved from Surrey 4 years ago. As members of St Mary’s Church, Brighstone, Peter and I took weekly Collective Worship in School over 3 years, latterly with Ben, the Youth Worker. I am delighted to be involved in the successful burgeoning of Brighstone Full Primary School.

### **Gill’s report on her visit to Year One:**

“A beautiful new, air-conditioned, electronically-accessed, purpose-built classroom.

Literacy: poetry obviously enjoyed by all. The whole class could recite parts, retell story in sequence, use ‘feeling’ words about it.

Differentiation: grammar e.g. verbs, adjectives, prepositions noted and appreciated. Words/phrases used in writing. Others retold story in Lego!

Courtesy – listening to teacher and each other encouraged also apologising. Very positive reinforcement of good behaviour and discussion of ‘bad’.

One to one reading/help with assistant throughout the lesson.

I was impressed with the children’s use of technology! Even more important, there was a calm and happy atmosphere in the class.”