



## Governing Body Newsletter Autumn Term 2015



Welcome to the latest report of the Governing Body. We have had a great start to the new academic year in the school and this short report shows who the Governors are and what we have done in the Autumn term.

Want to get in touch with Governors? You can email us at [admin@blabystokes.com](mailto:admin@blabystokes.com).

### Who are the Governors?

The Governing Body is a group of volunteers responsible for the overall management of the school. Find out more about who we are at [www.blabystokes.com/team/governors](http://www.blabystokes.com/team/governors)

#### Parent Governors (4)

Matthew Weir	Stephen Jones
Vacant	Vacant

#### Local Authority Governor (1)

Zoe Warner (Chair)
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#### Foundation Governors (2)

Rev Grenville Gibbins	Vacant
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#### Head Teacher & staff (2)

Deirdre Kallquist	James Cheesman
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#### Co-opted Governors (4)

Pam Smith	Olive Hillier
Louisa Coleman	Bev Philps

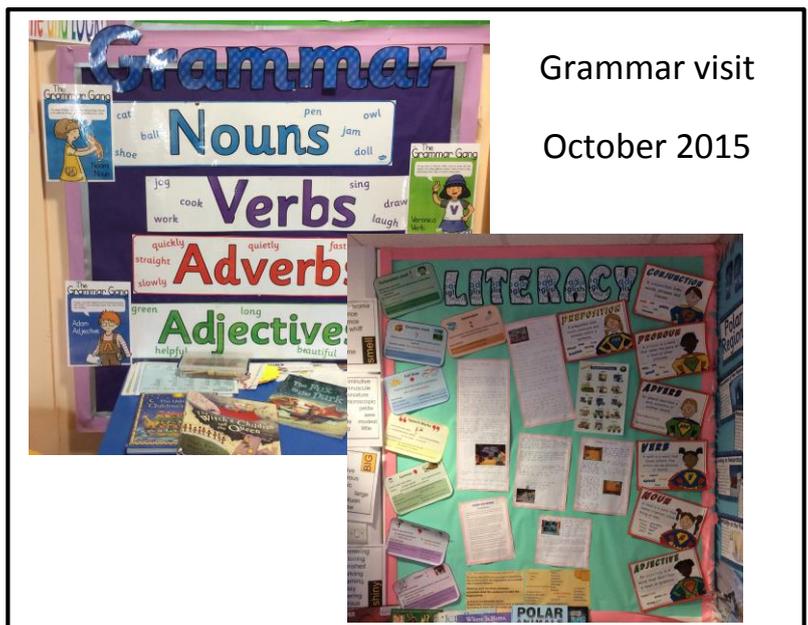
#### Clerk to the Governors (1)

Les Bates
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### Governing Body meetings and class visits

The Governing Body meets at least once a term to review school progress. Each Governor is also on one or more sub-committees, which also meet once a term, looking at essential aspects of school life.

In October Governors reviewed the teaching of Grammar in the school through class visits and discussion with teachers. Governors found that Grammar was taught very differently to when we were at school (!) and as a result we've added more parent support on Grammar including example test papers to our website: [www.blabystokes.com/learning/home-school](http://www.blabystokes.com/learning/home-school).



Grammar visit  
October 2015

The Governing Body would like to wish the whole school community a very happy Christmas!

### School council visit

Governors met with the newly elected School Council in November and discussed plans they have for the school and they showed Governors their suggestion box where any pupil can put forward an idea for the Council to consider. Governors were really impressed with the passion and good ideas the School Council had and plan to meet them again in the New Year.



### Lord Mayors' Christmas concert

A Governor was lucky enough to attend the Lord Mayors Christmas Concert at DMH and was very impressed with the whole concert. Stephen Jones wrote a note to be read out in assembly to say a huge thank you to all the children who took part and the teachers that helped them practice and looked after them on the night. Well done to everyone involved!

### What's next?

Through November and December Governors have been working closely with the school to build a new school strategy which we will finalise and publish on our website soon – we'll share more on that in our next newsletter.

Governors will be visiting the school early in the New Year on a Sport visit, to consider impact of the Sport Premium funding and how we are spending it effectively to make a difference to our children.

We're also working on celebrations for the school's birthday on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Stokes building will be 60 and Headlands will be 50 years old – we plan to mark the occasion with a special assembly, burying a time capsule, a picnic lunch (we'll be inviting parents) and exciting afternoon activities!



17<sup>th</sup> May

### Interested in becoming a Governor?

We have two vacancies for Parent Governors in the school – it is a great way to have a real impact on the school and it takes less than an hour a week. Please contact the school office or Mrs Kallquist if you're interested in becoming part of our team!

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