



## A note from our Chair...

Welcome to the Spring Term 2018 edition of the Governor Newsletter. As ever it has been all go at Rusper.

Dave Cole the Link Adviser from West Sussex has been to Rusper already for his termly visit. This term the subject was The Review of Inclusive Practice

which looks at Rusper's provision for children with Special Educational Needs and Disadvantaged Children. I was present for all of the meeting and it was encouraging to see that Dave Cole supports the 'Good' judgement of the school relating to its inclusive provision.

We hope you are all now familiar with our new Vision, Values and Mission Statement. This was the outcome of one of the INSET mornings last September. One of our governors David Warren led the morning and it was great for staff and governors to join together for the morning. It was very successful and we hope that you and your children are embracing the new look Values and Mission Statement. If you haven't seen it already, there is a fantastic display in the foyer which was created collaboratively by pupils, staff and governors. It consists of the five hands which represent our new core values and their new colours: **respect**, **independence**, **curiosity**, **collaboration** and **enthusiasm**.

The main monitoring focus for governors this term will be maths, led by Maths Governor David Warren. There is a whole school focus on Maths fluency (see article below from Mr Snook). Writing, spelling and handwriting are the monitoring focus for our English governor Catherine Pinder, and Wayne Mott will be looking at teaching and learning in science. I am the new SEND governor and will be looking at the quality of SEND provision across the school backed up by the information gleaned from Dave Cole's visit. All governors are assigned to a class and you will see information about each governor in their respective class. We are called Class Friends and are invited into our class to see a particular event or activity. This is not a monitoring visit, it is purely for governors to become involved more in school life and get to know the children in their class.

We would like to say a huge welcome to Rick Hamnett who has become an associate at Rusper. Rick lives in the village and doesn't as yet have children at the school. We are very grateful to Rick and his wife for their help in decorating the foyer area of the school. We had to say goodbye to Simon Young last term as he and his family had to leave Rusper due to his work commitment. Simon wasn't a governor for long but amongst other things he played a very important part in the school's Ofsted visit during the summer term for which we would like to thank him. We currently have two vacancies for a parent governor coming up. If you are interested in becoming a governor at Rusper, please keep an eye out for the relevant paperwork which will be coming to you via e-schools. If you have any questions about becoming a parent governor at Rusper, please contact me at [eworskett@rusper.west-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:eworskett@rusper.west-sussex.sch.uk)

We will be handing out a questionnaire at the upcoming Parent's Evening towards the end of term and would really appreciate it if you would spend a few minutes letting us know your views. It is of great help to us to know what you feel about school life at Rusper.

Emma Worskett



## Keep in Touch

We're always keen to hear from you for feedback on our Newsletter, Parent Forum or anything else at all! email [eworskett@rusper.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:eworskett@rusper.w-sussex.sch.uk)



## Coming up...

23/02 - Non-uniform day

23/02 - Y5 Forest School

26/02 - Maths Fluency Parent workshop (3.30pm)

01/03 - World Book Day

05/03 - Y6 Bikability week

08/03 - Horsham Dance Festival

12 & 14/03 - Parent evenings

15/03 - Comedy Beats

26/03 - Rocksteady concert

28/03 - Easter Egg Trail

29/03 - Easter Service

## Meet the Governors... Rick Hamnett

I have lived with my growing family in the heart of Rusper village since 2013. At one point my wife Katie was a voluntary teaching assistant with years three and four, but she was also educated herself at Rusper Primary School. I found out only recently she actually appears (alongside her ears) in one of the old class photographs which can be found outside the head teachers office (oh how I laughed).

### "I wanted to give something back to the village"

We have a three year old son called Jude, and we are expecting our second child in February. Personally, I graduated with a degree in Aerospace Engineering, I flew in the Royal Navy, and then taught others to fly when I worked as a civilian flying instructor. I now work for a major UK airline.



Having met our head teacher and members of the governing body I decided I wanted to give something back to the village, and help in any way I possibly could. As an associate member of the governing body I hope to make a positive contribution to maintain and improve the high standards already achieved and which are essential in preparing our children for the future.



We are starting to see the use of [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com) as the primary parental communication tool...its completely free and secure so if you haven't yet joined our virtual school community, go online and register today. Once you've signed up and been

approved by our admin team you will be able to see details of all the events and activities as they are being planned and organised meaning no more lost emails or missed moments in the playground. Coming up this term we have our adult comedy night with Comedy Beats on 15 March, and a kids Easter Egg trail on 28 March.

We're always looking for new ideas and volunteers to help so don't be shy and join our growing virtual school gates community today!

*Nikki Rooney*



We are all keen to see if we can help alleviate the safety concerns that are caused by traffic congestion on the main road during school drop off and pick up. Please can everyone make an extra effort to park in one of the car parks by the church, the star, and the village hall, and when doing so let's all be extra nice to other drivers who are exiting. A little help from everyone on our parking and walk to the school gates will make a big difference.

*David Warren*

## MATHS FLUENCY - MR SNOOK

This term all teachers and support staff will be leading the pupils in a new incentive to improve their maths fluency. 'Maths Around the World' will focus on one particular aspect of fluency throughout a half term. It will engage children by using the countries around the world alongside fun, active and purposeful teaching. Each country will represent a small-step target, which will build up to meeting an overall fluency target for that half term. It will specifically focus on children's ability to quickly recall number facts and their times tables.

