



Cubbington C E Primary School

Dear Parent and Carers,

As the new Chair of Governors I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone connected to the school the very best for the coming year.

I particularly want to welcome parents and carers with children new to the school either coming into Reception or other classes. I know how mixed your emotions will be at this time as you see your son or daughter embarking on this significant stage in their life. From my experience the children will be absolutely fine – it's the parents who struggle the most! I would also say from my experience that you will be joining a fantastic community of governors, parents and of course staff all of whom combine to make Cubbington school such a positive learning environment.

I have been part of the Governing Body for a number of years and so I know that we have a highly committed set of Governors who work very hard to retain the core ethos of the school. Being asked to take on the Chairs role is therefore a real privilege. As many of you are aware, the school (and the governing body) has faced a number of challenges during the 2014/15 school year and we have overseen some significant changes. The coming year will be no different as the governing body continues to support Mrs Jones in driving school improvement, seeks to appoint a permanent Head teacher and awaits another Ofsted Inspection. I am confident though that all Governors are focused on meeting these challenges and making sure that the school continues to develop.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of two people who have played significant roles in the school in recent years. First, I want to say a huge thank you to Cathy Clarke who sadly had to step down as Head Teacher last year. Cathy worked tirelessly to create that positive learning environment and made an enormous contribution to developing the Christian ethos of the school. I'm pleased to say that there will be an opportunity to say a proper thank you and farewell to Cathy in the coming weeks.

Secondly, I want to recognise Theresa Saul who is my predecessor as Chair of Governors. Theresa's commitment to the school has been constant over many years (more than she might allow me to mention!) and she has acted as Chair during some really significant changes to the school and the role of the Governing body. Throughout this time she has been instrumental in making sure that Governors keep the needs of all children in the school at the centre of everything we do. I'm pleased to say that Theresa will be providing me with the benefit of her experience as Deputy Chair and so she remains as committed as ever.

Finally, I look forward to meeting and talking to as many of you as possible in the coming year and keeping you informed of the work of the Governing Body.

Yours Sincerely,

Nick Wylie