



# Happy New Year from the School Governors!

All the Governors at the school would like to share our best wishes for 2024. After a busy Autumn Term we hope you enjoyed a restful time with your families and friends over Christmas. We are grateful for all that you did to support the school in 2023, and excited about what's in store in 2024.

The start of the year is a good time for us to tell you a little more about the Governors and what we do. We know that our role isn't always well known, so we hope you find this short introduction useful.



## Who we are

Nine people sit on our Governing Body. They are:

- **Mrs Battersby** - Head Teacher
- **Matthew Bennett** - Parent Governor
- **David Coward** - Co-opted Governor
- **Sue Dean** - Local Authority Governor
- **Rev Nick Devenish** - Foundation Governor
- **Tom Holman** - Parent Governor and Vice Chair
- **Dorothy Milner** - Foundation Governor and Chair
- **Claire Unsworth** - Co-opted Governor
- **Mrs Yarrow** - Staff Governor

Parent and Staff Governors are self-explanatory, but some other titles may need explanation! Foundation Governors are here to help preserve the Christian character of the school, Local Authority Governors provide a link with our area's public services, and Co-opted Governors are people from the local community who have special skills that help us do our work. All the Governors are volunteers.





## Our role

Governors are here to help the School provide the best possible education for our children and meet all its legal and policy requirements. We help to set the School's vision and aims, and oversee important things like the budget and appointments. It's not our job to get involved in the day-to-day running of the school, but we do like to play a part in school life, talking to children, teachers, teaching assistants, lunchtime supervisors, office administration staff and parents and carers to make sure everyone is happy, by supporting their well being. We respond to any issues that may arise which concern governors. The Full Governing body meet every term and we have sub-committees that get together to look in detail at areas like Teaching and Learning and Resources.



## What we do

As well as meeting together, the Governors take a keen interest in the school and support it in various ways. In the Autumn Term we:

- Met regularly with Mrs Battersby to talk about the school and offer support
- Chatted with teachers to see how subjects are being taught
- Helped at school lunches and chatted to children about their school days
- Were active in the early stages of the project to improve the school grounds
- Joined in with events like the wonderful Christmas Nativity and the Santa Dash (and bought lots of cake afterwards).



## More about us

You can read more about the school Governors and our work in the 'Our School' section of the website at [www.cartmel.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.cartmel.cumbria.sch.uk).

Please feel free to get in touch with us anytime by leaving a message at the school office or emailing our brilliant Clerk Gemma Brown at [clerk@cartmel.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@cartmel.cumbria.sch.uk).

