

# Governors' Newsletter

## March 2025

To keep you up-to-date with recent changes on the Governing Body and initiatives in school, we are delighted to send you our latest Governor newsletter.

### Wrap Around Care

This year, we have been delighted to start a successful Wrap Around Care (WAC) club until 6pm each evening, offering childcare for working parents. We have been delighted with the uptake for the provision and hope that this continues to grow. Children who attend enjoy the programme of activities that are on offer. Staff running the club have received updated paediatric first aid training, along with regular safeguarding training. We are now registered to offer this provision through the Government childcare tax free vouchers. If you are interested and would like further details about WAC club, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be happy to explain this for you.

### Working with Sutton St James Pre School

School continues to maintain its close links with the pre-school through shared curriculum time, when all children who attend the pre-school are invited, with staff, to come across to school and to work with the children in Wrens class. This helps to prepare the children for school life and begins to build relationships between school staff and children who may potentially attend our setting. This year, LCC have had 40 applications for the 20 spaces that we have in Reception for September 2025. LCC are responsible for offering these places following set criteria.

### Easter School

During the Easter holiday, Mr Richardson will be running an Easter school for all Year 6 pupils to support them in preparation for the SATs which take place in May. The children will attend school for 4 days, when they will recap important topics in English and Maths, followed by having fun PE and Art based afternoons. This will support the learning that the children have been doing in class and we thank Mr Richardson and other members of staff for giving up some of their holiday to provide this opportunity for our children. During SATs week, all Y6 children are invited to attend Breakfast Café for free, to support them in their tests.

The Governors wish you all a relaxing and fun filled Easter! Enjoy spending time with family and friends and we look forward to seeing you again in the Summer Term!

### Welcome

We would like to welcome Miss Retchless who joined the team in Wrens class this term, working on targets set for children, particularly those with EHCPs.

We would also like to welcome Mr Holcombe who joins us as our new caretaker, working a split shift, before and after school.

We hope that they will both be very happy working in the team, making life at Sutton St James School enjoyable!

As always, we would also like to welcome all of the new children who have joined us over the last term. We hope that you have settled in well and are enjoying your new class here at Sutton St James Community Primary School.

### World Book Day

This year, we're having a real focus on Reading for Pleasure with the school working towards the Bronze level Lincolnshire Reading Pledge Challenge. This was supported this year with a fun workshop on World Book Day for all children, bringing books to life through dance with the fabulous West End In Schools company.

As always we are recruiting volunteer readers to read with children in school who need a little extra practise. If you would be interested in joining this team, please speak to the school office who will organise the necessary checks for you.

### Our current Governors are:

**Chair**—Vicki Newton (Community)

**Staff Governor**—Chris Mooney

**Community Governor**—Arnie Hensby

**LA Governor**—Lloyd Wyllie

**Parent Governors**—Jo Buckle (Vice Chair), Laura Newton and Steve Haynes

**Headteacher**—Claire Willows



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