

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic start to the term with the children really engaged in their learning after the summer holiday break.

## Announcing our Board of Trustees

We are pleased to share with you the details of our Board of Trustees, which has now been agreed. Our eleven trustees will set the strategic direction for the multi-academy trust and are accountable to the Secretary of State for the performance of the schools.



**Mary Whitehead (Chair)** was a highly successful Greenwich Executive Headteacher and National Leader of Education who was the founder of the Royal Greenwich Teaching School Alliance. She brings

an in-depth knowledge of great education and school leadership to ensure the Trust focuses on the right things.

**"If we are together nothing is impossible."**

*Sir Winston Churchill*



**Janice Macleod (Vice Chair)** is a retired headteacher and has worked within the Royal Borough of Greenwich for over 40 years. Janice worked as a headteacher mainly with schools in 'special measures'

or 'requiring improvement'. She is Chair of Governors at Wingfield Primary School.



**John Camp (Senior Executive Headteacher)** started his career in the London borough of Southwark in 1991, and moved to Greenwich in 2001 as deputy headteacher of an outstanding primary school.

He became Headteacher of Deansfield Primary School in 2008, and has been Executive Headteacher of the Compass Partnership since 2011.



**Michelle Bernard** is the Headteacher of Horn Park Primary School. She started her career in Lewisham in 1999 and taught in a number of primary schools, including a specialist school for children

with emotional and behavioural difficulties. Michelle led the team that secured Horn Park's first ever 'good' Ofsted judgement.



**Orla Ralston** qualified as a solicitor in 1998 and practised as a corporate tax lawyer from 1998 until 2005. She then worked at Goldman Sachs, where she remained for 11 years, before recently joining

the London office of a Canadian pension fund. Orla was elected as a parent governor of Halstow Primary School in January 2011, and was elected as Chair of Governors in 2013.



**Robert Morgan** has been involved in primary education for 22 years as a teacher, assistant headteacher, governor and lecturer. He currently works at the University of Greenwich within Initial Teacher Education and as an

education researcher. Robert is a governor at Alderwood Primary School.



**Susan Skidmore** has been a governor at South Rise Primary School since 2011, and Chair since 2012. Her background is in education, working with both children and adults. She has taught the whole primary age range, led maths and

English, and been a special educational needs co-ordinator and headteacher. Susan has also worked as an independent educational consultant supporting school leadership teams.



**Louise Rea** is an associate at the law firm Bates Wells Braithwaite, and specialises in employment law. She is an experienced tribunal advocate and has

successfully defended employers against trade union detriment, unfair dismissal and discrimination claims.



**Linda Perks** has been a governor at Willow Dene School for two years. She is Regional Secretary for Unison, the public service trade union. Linda comes from a family of school support staff and has a

background in advising and representing staff employed in public services, including schools.



**Mandy Watson** is the Senior Schools Improvement Advisor at Chichester Diocese, having previously worked as a senior primary improvement adviser and school improvement partner for the Royal Borough

of Greenwich. She has many years of teaching, leadership and school governance experience.



**Hugh Lewis** has been Chair of Governors at Deansfield Primary School since November 2015, having been initially appointed as a parent governor in September 1999. He is a qualified solicitor of 37

years' standing, and a partner in a high street practice specialising in land law and trusts, with knowledge of company and charity law.

### Pupil voice

Just before the summer holidays we met with pupil representatives from each of our seven schools to discuss the conversion to academy status and hear from them on what it means to be part of a partnership of schools. We had a great afternoon and the children came up with their very own strap line 'Seven schools, one mind, one aim - to achieve!' School leaders will meet regularly with pupil representatives from the schools to expand on their ideas and incorporate their feedback into the development of our multi-academy trust.



### Parents' evenings

We are looking forward to sharing our multi-academy trust proposal document, and to hearing your feedback, at your school's forthcoming parents' evenings, the dates of which will be communicated to you by your school.

**John Camp**  
Senior Executive Headteacher