



CROFT CHRONICLES

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER ~ DECEMBER 2024

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS HELLO!

Firstly, I would like to say how pleased we are of the recent OFSTED inspection and would like to thank Mrs Swain, Headteacher, and all the staff, children and parents for the report which reflects everything we do at Croft for our children and families. The development points left are things we are already working on as a school with a little adaptation in places.

Secondly, I would like to welcome you to our Governor Newsletter! We hope to strengthen communication with parents and wider stakeholders through the newsletter and by being more visible around school.

At the beginning of term, we put together a governor monitoring plan to ensure the work of the governing body offers the challenge and support required so every child reaches their full potential. During the course of the year governors will continue to work with school leaders in ensuring the school's strategic vision is implemented. This work will always focus on ensuring all pupils receive a high quality education, in safe, secure and nurturing surroundings.



We will keep you updated on the work of the governing body and if, in the meantime, you have any questions or queries, please contact Diana Riley, Clerk to Governors. We value the continued support of all our parents and, with the school, we encourage direct, open and honest, communication with parents. If, as a parent, you wish to discuss any school related matters, please contact Mrs Swain at Croft directly.

Thank you,

Mary

Mrs M. Kerry



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- Clerk to Governors – Mrs Diana Riley
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MEET OUR GOVERNORS



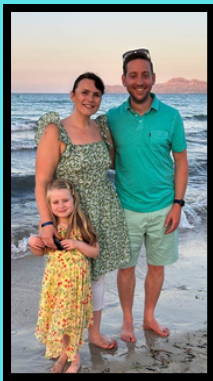
MARY KERRY

Chair of Governors / Co-opted Governor

I am currently the Chair of Governors at Croft Infant School. I have four grown up children, 4 grandchildren and work as the Business Manager at Woodbridge Junior School. I am also a member of Alfreton Town Council, plus various other charity organisations based in Alfreton. I have over 25 years' experience of being a governor at different LA and Academy schools.



STEVEN EUERBY



I am a manufacturing engineer in the nuclear industry, in addition to this, I am a local business owner and committed to supporting the community and contributing to the local economy. Having lived in Alfreton since birth, I am well placed to understand the needs and values of the local area. I am passionate about ensuring that future generations have access to quality education and am proud to serve as Vice Chair of the Governing board to help guide and support the school's continued success.

JANE NEWTON

I am staff governor at Croft Infant school and also School Business officer. I have worked at Croft for many years now and I enjoy all aspects of my role. As governors, our job is to support the work of the school. Our staff work really hard to make sure that all of our lovely children reach their full potential and as a governor, I love to see the progress the children make from when they start with us in Reception to when they leave us to move to the Junior school.



JANE PRIESTLEY

I am currently a co-opted member of the governors at Croft. I've been on the governors for about 10 years, but I've worked at Croft since 1998. In my different roles at

Croft as a class teacher for 18 years, special needs coordinator for 7 years and now as a classroom assistant working with year 2 children, I've worked with many children and now quite a few of them are returning as parents here, which is great to see! As a governor I know that we are all committed to the school and fully support the staff as they ensure all children at Croft get the best possible start to their school years and do as well as they possibly can.



JOSHUA SMITH

I was previously a Parent Governor for my eldest son and look forward to bringing that experience to Croft. I've also served on the local council. Professionally, I'm a Journalist and Premier League commentator. I also own a Charity, Derbyshire United, established earlier this year, Dad of 3 kids, and allotment owner.



RACHAEL NEWTON

I am a new parent governor at Croft Infant School. I currently have a daughter in year one. I work full-time in retail at the moment but I am also training to become a teaching assistant. I applied to become a governor as I want to be more involved with the school and I am keen to learn more about what our children do whilst in school and to ensure our children are getting the best out of their education



GAIL DOLMAN

I was born and brought up in Alfreton and attended Croft Infant School myself. I am the mother of two boys who also attended the school before moving to Woodbridge.

I am a Local Borough and Town Councillor and have served as a Governor on Croft Infants, Woodbridge Junior School and Swanwick Primary. I have been both Chair and Vice at Croft and am now the SEND Governor and have attended on line briefings on the subject.



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