

# Frieth Governors' News Update

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Summer 2016 update

## ***New Chair and Vice Chair announced....***

After 4 years as Chair of Frieth Governing Body I have decided to step down to the role of Vice Chair.

I am delighted to announce that Merelina Tebbot has been unanimously elected to take on the position.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Lynda Marston-Weston who has been a very supportive Vice Chair for the last 4 years. Lynda remains on the FGB is chair of the PRP Committee.

Warm Regards, Nicola Brown

## ***Welcome from Merelina, the new Chair.....***

At a recent governors' meeting I was elected as Chair of Governors, taking over from Nicola Brown who has undertaken this role for two terms of office. I have only worked with Nicola for about 18 months but have found her a very organised and effective chair and I only hope that I can step into her shoes and carry on with all the good work she has done.

I have lived in Frieth for over thirty years, and before that in nearby Wheeler End, and in nearly forty years in the area I have seen the school change and grow under a number of Head Teachers, and also seen the physical structure of the school improve as a result of various alterations and extensions. I am pleased to say that the days of freezing cold outside toilets have long gone!

I am married to Michael, an architect with his own practice formerly in High Wycombe and now in Marlow. I was a chartered surveyor and ten years ago I graduated with a degree in maths from Oxford Brookes University, and I do a small amount of private maths tutoring, mainly at GCSE and A level. Michael and I have four grown-up children who were all born either in Wheeler End or Frieth; they have all had the good fortune to grow up in this beautiful area and frequently

## ***Come and meet us on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July***

Don't forget about our Whole School Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> July (letter to follow shortly) where all staff and governors will be in attendance. We are looking forward to sharing with you:

- Information about the new end of year report format/levels.
- What are we doing about academisation?
- British Values – How are we interpreting it at Frieth? What does it mean for our school and children?
- A SDP review and its main targets.
- Celebrating our achievements this year and looking to the next.

return to visit, bringing some or all of our four grandchildren. The eldest, George, is in his second year at Frieth school.

I was appointed as a Foundation Governor and I feel very strongly that the Christian ethos of the school, expressed in its core values and evident in our recent Outstanding SIAMS inspection report, is extremely important for the well being of all the children in the school. My husband is at present the Churchwarden for Hambleton with Frieth and Skirmett, as I have been in the past, and I very much value the good relationship between the church and the school that we have experienced since Mrs. Reid became Head.

Next month will bring us a new Rector, Stephen Southgate, to the Hambleton Valley Group of Churches after a long interregnum and we hope and expect that he will become a governor of the school. As always, many challenges lie ahead, perhaps the main one being to consider whether Frieth School should become an academy, and if so, what form that change will take. I look forward with excitement and some trepidation to meeting these challenges and to working with the staff, governors, PTA and all parents of the school in the future.

### **The Governing Body**

**Chair** – Merelina Tebbot

**Vice Chair** – Nicola Brown

**Premises Committee** – Melanie Sharpe (chair), Merelina Tebbot, Jo Reid

**Pay Review & Personnel Committee**- Lynda Marston-Weston (chair), Jo Reid, Jill Dean, Rachel Bernard

**Teaching and Learning Committee**- Rachel Bernard (chair), Lorna Sparks, Jo Reid, Catherine Yoxall

**PR Committee**- Catherine Yoxall (chair), Nicola Brown, Dan Hayter, Jo Reid

**Finance Committee** – Martin Walker (chair), Nicola Brown, Merelina Tebbot, Melanie Sharpe

**Parent Governors** – Dan Hayter, Catherine Yoxall

