

## Update from the Governing Body, Summer Term 2019

Dear Parents,

The end of another academic year is here, during which the Governors have continued to work hard to support many aspects of school life. We are thrilled that this term saw the official opening of our new state-of-the-art building – ‘The Treehouse’. Securing the funding for this really was a major achievement that took 5 years of proposal after proposal. The hard work and perseverance has been rewarded with a fantastic learning environment for the children – if you haven’t been to have a look, please do.

## Investment of more than £1m in our school buildings

We have wanted for many years to provide an on-site school hall and have explored numerous routes to try to obtain funding. You will remember that we have worked closely with Leicestershire County Council and Melton Borough Council as various housing developments have been proposed in Waltham to ensure that should these be approved, funding would be provided to expand the school buildings. A significant sum of £781,000 has been secured which we plan to use to build a school hall on site. Release of the money is dependent on build progress and occupation of the houses, but as the developments proceed we are now confident that the Hall will happen in the next few years.

Along with the successful bid for our new classrooms, this brings the total investment secured recently for our school to **over £1.1m**, which is impressive for a school of our size and we are proud to have been able to achieve this for the children of Waltham school.

### New Chair of the Governing Body

After nearly 9 years, Louise Imm will be stepping down from the Governing Body at the end of August and a new Chair will take over from the start of the new academic year. Nigel Smith, our current Vice-Chair, has been nominated to DLAT Directors to take the Chair and Anna Butler has been elected by Governors as Vice-Chair.

Pictured with Mrs Hopkins is outgoing Chair, Louise Imm and current Vice-Chair, Nigel Smith



### Parent Governor Election

This means that there will be a Parent Governor vacancy in the Autumn term.

Although several of our Governors have children at the school, we are required to have 2 ‘Parent Governors’ nominated by the parents from the school. Please have a think over the holidays if you might be interested in taking on this rewarding role, and contact us if you want to find out more. If several parents come forward then we will need to hold an election early in the Autumn Term.

We also still have another Governor vacancy which does not need to be a parent and we are keen to ensure we have an outside view by filling this with someone from the wider community who is not currently a parent at school. If you know anyone who might be suitable, then please speak to them over the holidays and let us know.

### Thank yous

Thank you to everyone who works so hard throughout the year to support our school – the staff, the Governors, Friends of Waltham School (FOWS) committee, members of our Church and the many parents, carers and relatives who give up their time to help in numerous ways.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any comments or questions.

We wish you all a happy and relaxing summer break.

**Louise Imm, Chair**

**Nigel Smith, Vice Chair**

**On behalf of the Governing Body**

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