

# **LOCAL BOARD** **THE TOTNES HUB 2018 - 2019**

## ***Chair: Anna Neville***

Teacher

Four children at Landscope

Child Protection and Anti-Bullying Advisor to the Governing Council

Co-opted Governor – End of term 31/03/2020

Responsibility for Safeguarding & Recruitment Procedures

Anna Neville is a qualified Primary School teacher with five years of teaching experience. Anna taught in an inner city school in Plymouth for three years, a large middle school in Milton Keynes for a year and a small village church school in Buckinghamshire for two years.

Anna's specialist subject areas were Art and Literacy.

For the past twelve years Anna has stayed at home to bring up her four sons. Isaac, her eldest son, has just started at SDCC. Her three other sons (Conrad 9, Edgar 6 and Magnus 4) all attend Landscope. Anna has also been an active member of the schools PTFA (FOLS)

Anna joined the governing body in March 2012 as a parent governor and also took the lead for Safeguarding.

## ***Vice Chair: Cat Radford***

Co-opted Governor – End of term 28/09/20

Two children currently at Harbertonford C of E Primary School

Cat has been involved with various school committees and feels she has a reasonable understanding of how a school works and what role a parent can play in support. She is clerk to Harberton Parish Council so has a growing understanding of when committees are their most effective. Cat works in the field of arts and culture as a project manager, evaluator and consultant, having been a student at Dartington College of Arts, a member of a theatre company and teaching on the theatre and arts management courses. She says 'life is varied and busy and I look forward to bringing all these experiences to the governing board'.

## ***Janet Watts:***

OFSTED Inspector and Retired Head Teacher

Co-opted Governor - End of term 31/03/2020

Governor Monitoring Lead

Janet Watts is a qualified Primary School teacher. She taught in several different schools, before having two primary headships in Hampshire, one at a small village school and then a large primary school.

Together with husband Neil, Janet moved to Devon in 1991 as a local authority adviser for primary schools. In the early days of Ofsted inspections, Janet both led inspections and was a team member, employed by a range of inspection contractors.

Janet retired from full time work in 1999, but continued to work as an educational consultant, continued with inspection work, and was an accredited assessor of candidates for the NPQH (National Professional Qualification for Headteachers). Janet was invited to become an occasional trainer for Devon Governor Services, from 2002 - 2005.

Janet has previous experience as a governor at a primary school in Newton Abbot; she continues to work as an inspector for Ofsted and as a consultant supporting primary schools.

Janet's hobbies are horse riding, caravanning, gardening and walking her dogs. As chair of the teaching and learning committee, Janet continues (and in this she has never changed) to care passionately that every child is entitled to a good education in a school that is well led, where children are taught by good teachers and experience a rich and wide curriculum. A school in which children achieve and make progress, both academically and socially, but above all enjoy learning.

## ***Rev Tom Benson***

Ex Officio Foundation Governor – Appointed by the Diocese

### Responsibility for Community & Parent Links

Reverend Tom Benson is the vicar responsible for the Dart Valley Mission Community covering Buckfastleigh, Dean Prior, Landscope, Staverton and Littlehempston. Before ordination Tom was a registered psychiatric nurse, working for 24 years in hospitals and in the community.

Originally from Derbyshire and married to Mary Anne, Tom has four children, the youngest attending South Dartmoor College and the older two away at university. They have lived in North Devon since 1995, moving to Buckfastleigh in 2012 to take up the post there. Tom is passionate about promoting community response to local needs and is the chairman of the Trussel Trust Food Bank in Buckfastleigh.

### *Sue Roach*

Retired Bank Manager, HSBC

Co-opted Governor – End of term 31/03/2020

Responsibility for Finance

Sue Baker took early retirement from her position as a Premier Personal Banking Manager with HSBC in September 2013 having completed 34 years banking service and experienced a variety of roles in the banking arena.

Sue has always enjoyed working with children having previously run the Stoke Gabriel Sunday Club for many years and now volunteers in the village primary school, working with reception and year 1 children and also overseeing the School Council.

In her new found 'free time', Sue enjoys singing, amateur dramatics, walking, swimming and taking an active role in her local community. Sue joined the Governing body in January 2014, she is a co-opted governor and is the lead governor for finance.

### *Lizzie Lethbridge*

Staff Governor – End of term 21/10/20

Lizzie Lethbridge has been a teacher for more than 20 years and has worked in a range of schools of different size and context in Plymouth and Bristol. Throughout her teaching career, she has taught across the Primary phase, from Reception to Year 6. She has also held several leadership roles including Key Stage leader, Assistant Head and Deputy Head. She has been Head of School at Harbertonford C of E Primary School since 1st April 2016 and joined the governing board in September 2016 as staff governor supporting SEND.

Lizzie was born and bred in Bristol and moved to Plymouth after attending Marjons University. She is married with 2 sons. Her 14 year old attends Ivybridge Community College and her 10 year old is at Manadon Vale Primary in Plymouth.

### *Sue Howard*

Clerk to the Governors