

## **GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER SPRING/SUMMER TERM 2007**

The governors form part of the leadership team of the school working together with Mrs Vavasour and the senior leadership team in the school.

The governing body has three roles - setting the school's strategic direction, challenging and supporting the staff in terms of the quality of learning in the school, and being accountable to the children, parents and the wider community for the overall school performance.

To enable us to fulfil these roles, we divide our work between two committees. The Resources Committee, which is responsible for finance & personnel, and the Standards & Performance Committee, which has responsibility for the quality of teaching & learning in the school. We have now formed a Communications Group that will be responsible for the school brochure, communication with parents and the community, and marketing.

### **BUDGET 2007/08**

The school financial year began on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007. The level of the school's budget share is dependent upon the number of children in the school, and happily our pupil numbers are the same as the previous year.

As a result, we will be able to continue with the current level of staffing for the academic year commencing in September 2007. In addition, as you have already been advised by Mrs Vavasour, we are to employ a part-time music which we feel sure will significantly raise the profile of teaching music and singing in school.

The proposed budget also includes a significant surplus that we propose to carry forward into the next financial year. This will allow us to ensure that we can maintain the present level of staffing even if there is a fall in pupil numbers for the academic year beginning in September 2008.

The governors wish to thank Mr Parkhouse for the work he put in last year to give the school its current healthy financial position.

## BUILDINGS

The repair work on the Key Stage 2 roof commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The work has been somewhat slower than expected, but the school needed disruptions to be kept to a minimum. We expect the work to be finished sometime in June.

The alteration work to our Y4 classroom and the science area will be undertaken during the summer holidays. The work will include some improvements to the reception area.

The governors hope to be in a position by the end of next term to make decisions regarding the implementation and timing for further improvements and roof repairs to the Key Stage 1 areas.