



## Greenhill Primary School - Greenhill Main Road - Sheffield S8 7RA

### Governor's Newsletter

Firstly I would like to welcome you all back to a new school year and welcome all the new children and parents/carers.

We are really looking forward this year to re shaping how the governing body works and we have a really strong governor team. At Greenhill School the governing body is made up of staff, parents, members of the LEA and of the community. You may not be clear about what we actually do but briefly the Governors have a general responsibility for the management of the school. The Headteacher (who is also a Governor) makes the day to day decisions about the running of the school. Governors are responsible for setting the budget and for overseeing the curriculum taught.

We also deal with formal complaints, and are involved in the marketing, personnel, buildings, charging, policy, the learning environment, resources, some disciplinary matters and of course the children. The governors do this on a voluntary basis.

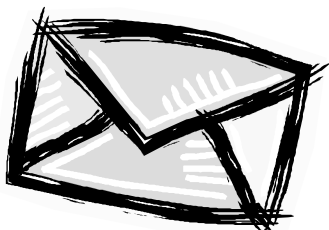
#### **New Organisation**

During last term we re-evaluated our roles and the various committees and have restructured the way we work to endeavour to make the best use of our time and efforts. We now have a strategic committee which consists of the chairs of the sub-committees, Lyn Burton, Julia Brown, the chair and vice chair of governors. We have also merged the old committees and now have 4 committees which are Resources, Parent and Community, Environment for Learning and Children.

#### **Who are the governors?**

Phillip Allen	LEA
Alexa Broomhead	Staff
Ian Battersby	Associate
Julia Brown	Headteacher
Rachel Blackshaw	Parent
Lyn Burton	Associate
Neil Cleeveley	LEA
Simon Clement-Jones	LEA
Richard Coghill	Community
Emma Crabtree	Associate
Karen Dewsall	Parent/Chair
David Duffin	Community
Anthony Kirkham	Community
Sharon Lilley	Parent
Steve Maxted	Parent/Vice Chair
Paul Middleton	Parent
Nicola Oldham	Parent
Elaine Parker	Staff
Louise Taylor	Community
Cath Vincent	Associate





## How Do I Contact a Governor?

Parents are welcome to contact a Governor directly. Parent Governors are often to be found at the school, in the yard at the start and end of the school day and are very approachable! If you wish to write to the governing body, this can be done by handing the letter in at the school office addressed to the chair of Governors or by email, following the links to the Governors section on the school website.

While we welcome letters and value your comments, initial complaints and issues relating to the day to day running of the school, should in the first instance, be discussed with your child's teacher or referred to the Headteacher.

We hope to be getting our photos in the school reception soon so that we may be easily identified.



## Welcome

To our new members of staff: Miss Purvis, Mr Wood, Mrs Johnson and Miss Kay. We look forward to working with you.

## Special Thanks

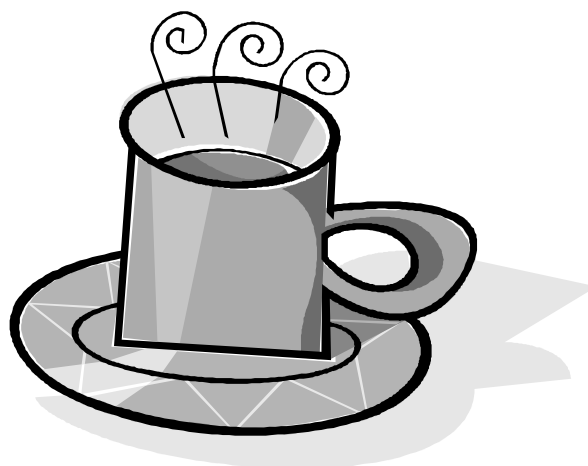
To Tim Toulson who resigned from being the Chair of Governors, last term. We thank him for all his hard work and wish him all the best for the future.

Anne Simpson has also handed in her resignation. Many thanks to her for her support and we will miss her contribution and experience. This does mean that there is a vacancy for a staff governor.



## Coffee mornings

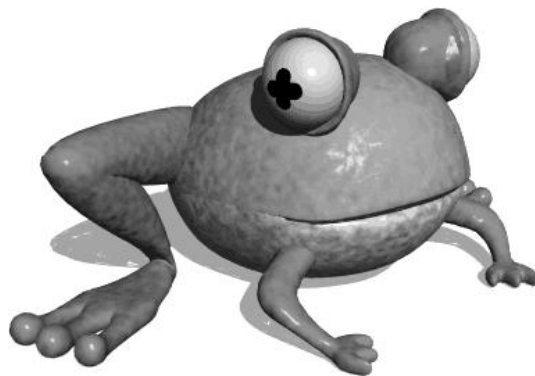
The coffee morning run by Alexa Broomhead and has been very successful so far. This commences again on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am. There is usually a member of the management team and a governor present on most days. It is very relaxed and informal, so if you want to ask questions or just have a chat, please come along. Everyone is welcome.



## Major concern

### Friends of Greenhill School (FROGS)

Last week you will have received a letter from Jayne Leversidge who is the chair of Frogs. She stated the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer are all resigning at the AGM next week. The major concern is that there has been very little interest in filling these very important roles and as a consequence FROGS may have to fold. **Big alarm bells here!** Here are just some of the things that FROGS have enabled in the last year:



2007/8:

- Every child was given a book as a Christmas gift- this is to be repeated this year.
- 3 seasonal disco's- Halloween, Valentine and Summer. – there will be the same again this year with the addition of a Christmas disco.
- Valentines hampers- 10 or so prizes, well received by parent community.
- Combined Christmas fayre with school/FROGS - Santa's grotto and Christmas hamper.
- Easter Bonnet competition
- Mothers day and fathers day stall - Mothers day exceeded expectations, with over 200 plants sold.



- Summer Gala- a fantastic day despite the rain.
- For this term a ladies evening has been planned.
- Hopefully children's item sale- 3rd Oct- only run if enough selling and volunteering support.

Items that have been bought with the proceeds:

- Christmas presents for all the children
- Outside classroom
- Fridge/Freezer for breakfast club
- Easter Eggs
- New White board





The Every Child Matters (ECM) agenda is at the heart of everything we do and why we serve as governors. As parents, carers, teachers and support staff Every Child Matters. As a large thriving community we all want the best for all of our children. Many of us are working parents and carers of children still at our school. We spare our time as volunteers to help make a difference. The FROGS team have been committed to planning, organising and running a super range of engaging activities for our children. So ask yourself, does every child matter, I think you will agree. If you do have some free time, focus and the enthusiasm to take it on, it is a worthy time filler. Sometimes it seems to fall on the same people who help out with other community events and groups (i.e. Pre-school, Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, church groups – sadly St Peter's Rainbows will have to close if a leader cannot be found to take over, etc)

As you can see that the work of FROGS greatly enhances the school life of our children. Jayne has kindly offered to help the new team until half term. Please come along to the Annual general meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm and if you can spare an hour a week or a day a year please volunteer! Jayne said in her letter we have in excess of 800 parents/carers...grand parents are extremely welcome too! We really do need to keep this going!!

**Thanks** – a massive thank you to Sara Slack- vice chair and Vicki Smith treasurer for their efforts over 5 years on Frogs and of course to Jayne Leversidge for all her contributions and boundless energy as the Chair of FROGS.

In the next newsletter we will inform you of some of the work we have been doing and how the new committees are going.

Finally I would just like to say that the governing body are looking forward to working with a professional and innovative management team, we are looking forward to working with an enthusiastic and motivated staff group but mostly we are looking forward to meeting and working for you and your children.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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