



# Governor Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021



## Our Governing Body

### **Chair of Governors**

Rvd Andrea Dart  
(Safeguarding)

### **Vice Chair of Governors**

Miss Anna Bowden  
(Pupil Premium, Quality of  
Education)

Mr S Laing  
Parent Governor

Mrs S Witty  
Parent Governor

Mr K Bell  
Parent Governor

Mr D McMahon  
Co-Opted

Cllr C Marshall  
Co-Opted

Mrs J Richardson  
Co-Opted

Mrs P Renwick  
Staff Governor

Welcome to our Autumn Term edition of our Governor Newsletter.

It has been a really busy term at Burnside! I am sure you will join us in praising our wonderful children for their hard work and resilience this term. They should be proud of everything that they have achieved!

We would like to thank the whole staff team at Burnside for their commitment, dedication and diligence this term in ensuring that the children can be the best they can be! Thank you to each and every parent and carer for working collaboratively with staff to enable learning and development.

The pandemic continues to impact upon familiar aspects of school life, such as the Christmas Performance. We are sure that the video play produced by the children will make an excellent alternative to this much loved Christmas tradition!

As the term draws to a close, we prepare to say "Goodbye" to two long-serving members of staff, Mrs Place and Mrs Burrows. We wish them well as they begin their retirement.

As Governors, we are always keen to support parents and to know their views. Thank you to all of the parents who recently completed the Parent and Carer Questionnaire. We look forward to working with Mrs Charlton to analyse your responses!

## What do we do?

We have three core functions which are:

- Giving the school a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

## How can we be contacted?

Governors can be contacted by emailing [burnside@durhamlearning.net](mailto:burnside@durhamlearning.net) and marking the email FAO Governing Body or Chair of Governors or by writing to:

Governing Body/Chair of Governors  
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## Where can I find out more about the Governing Body?

You can find out more about the Governing Body by visiting our School Website:  
<https://www.burnsideprimary.org.uk/our-governing-body>

## Burnside Primary School Priorities

To increase the percentage of children achieving at or above ARE in RWM combined

To further develop a whole school consistent approach to behaviour  
To increase attendance across all age phases

To explicitly teach Metacognitive strategies

To develop Subject Leader knowledge across age phases

To continue to raise the profile of Early Reading

## Meet the Governors

Each newsletter, we will give our school community the chance to meet two of our Governors. In this newsletter, we meet the Chair and Vice Chair!

## Chair of Governors

Having been born and bred in Stanley, I have strong ties to the local community, and because of this I very much enjoy being part of the life of Burnside School. I am a retired Head Teacher, having spent all of my life in teaching, which I loved. When I retired from teaching, I trained as an Anglican Priest and, when I am needed in the Parish, carry out various activities in that role - again, something I love doing!

In my retirement, I really enjoy going on as many holidays as I can, I read a lot, love music, do all sorts of handicrafts, I like walking, I go to the theatres and enjoy spending time with friends and family.

I have wide experience in the world of education and I hope to bring these experiences in my role as Chair of Governors at Burnside Primary School.



## Vice Chair of Governors

I am delighted to be a co-opted Governor at Burnside Primary and although I have only joined the Governing Body in June 2021, I can already see how amazing the school is!

My professional background is primary education. I am Head of School at Ox Close Primary in Spennymoor and also work with trainee teachers from Durham University. The children are at heart of everything I do at Ox Close, this will be no different at Burnside either.

Outside of school, I enjoy being active and spending time with my family, friends and crazy dog Buddy.

