

High Hurstwood Governing Body 2015/16

Name: Sarah Hayden Chair of Governors (from September 2015)

Role: Parent Governor

I joined the governing body in October 2013 as a parent governor just after my son started in Reception. I am a professionally qualified HR professional working as a senior manager in a large NHS Trust. I am a member of the Pay & Personnel Committee and Finance Committee and have learnt a huge amount since becoming a governor. I, like my fellow governors, am committed to supporting Mrs Cook to ensure the school is the best it can be, and sustaining the caring, nurturing and stimulating environment for our pupils to develop and grow both academically and as people.

Name: Lucy Glyn Vice-Chair of Governors

Role: Co-opted

When we moved to High Hurstwood in 1993, we were told of the good reputation that the village school had. Our son started in Reception Class in Sept. 2003 and enjoyed a varied, challenging and rewarding experience of primary school life, leaving in 2009, to go to UCTC. As a parent, I joined the PTA (now Friends of High Hurstwood School) and was Treasurer for 4 years. I was pleased to offer my 30 years' experience, working in finance for both public and private sectors, to help raise funds for the school. I became a Community Governor in 2010 and am currently the Chair of the Finance and Premises Committee.

I wanted to become a Governor because the school gave my son such an excellent start and I wanted to help to ensure the School continued to provide a high quality and fulfilling learning experience for all pupils, now and in the future. I enjoy working as a Governor, in partnership with staff and parents to ensure the pupils have every opportunity to develop and make progress to the best of their ability, in a happy and safe environment.

Name: Peter Radford

Role: LA Governor

I have a longer association with the school in that I have lived in High Hurstwood for twenty five years, and both my children, now 28 and 26, both received their primary education at our school. I was initially educated as a psychologist but changed direction to serve in the Royal Air Force as a pilot for 8 years. I operated helicopters in Northern Ireland in support of the Civil Power during the troubles and was then stationed in Hong Kong for a couple of years. Since leaving the RAF I have worked in civil aviation and my current position is as an Airbus 380 Captain for British Airways.

Name: Gail Tinson

Role: Parent Governor

I am in my third year as a Parent Governor and am proud to be involved in such a happy and caring school. I have three children, two of whom are attending secondary school and my youngest is a pupil here at High Hurstwood. I have a BSc in Social Psychology and Politics and have worked in Human Resources in the holiday industry based overseas for a number of years.

I am fully committed to the continued development and progression of our excellent school and have taken on the role of Governor responsible for monitoring SEN. I feel very fortunate to be part of the strong team behind the scenes who ensures that our school provides the very best for each and every pupil.

Name: Simon Goldsmith

Role: Parent Governor

I became a parent Governor in April 2013 in order to get involved with this amazing school and the community around it. I am currently on the finance and premises committee. I work in London as a Chartered Electrical and Mechanical Asset Engineer and use these skills to assist the school where possible. I have two children at the school who enjoy their time, and are very happy.

My free time is taken up with windsurfing and judo training where I have gained the black belt.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to be able to take an active role in the support and development of such a good school.

Name: Michael Cooper

Role: LA Governor

National service in the RAF was followed by university in the UK and US, with an MBA in Switzerland coming a few years later. Work assignments meant we lived in Liberia, Ghana, The Netherlands and Libya during our early married life, settling in High Hurstwood in the early 1970s. Work was London-based but the businesses with which I was concerned operated overseas, first, a specialist Anglo-French shipping company, of which I became Managing Director, then a publically quoted oil company of which I was an executive director with responsibility for shipping (liquid natural gas was the most important cargo) and oil and gas exploration and production. For six years after retirement I was chief executive of the medical charity, Diabetes UK. Our girl and two boys all went to High Hurstwood Primary School and loved the experience; we believe they left well-equipped for their secondary and higher education and have always been very grateful for the great start in life our school gave them. I have been a governor for approaching twenty years, of which eight were as Chair at the time we were planning and implementing the redevelopment of our school premises and facilities.

Name: Raymond Hook

Role: Foundation Governor

I spent most of my working life in telecommunications, involved in building large public telephone exchanges, ending up as a manager with staff of about 20. I took early retirement in 1992 and began working in TV and Films as an animal handler. I became a governor in 2005 when the Vicar of High Hurstwood retired, as I was Churchwarden I automatically became a Foundation governor. At the time the school was going through a redevelopment programme and was both challenging and rewarding. We are very proud of our school, in particular the redevelopment of the premises, and strive to give the children the best start to their education as possible.

Name: Revd David Tidswell BA C.Eng FIEE Dip EE.

Role: Foundation Governor

I was appointed vicar of Holy Trinity High Hurstwood in February 2007 and immediately appointed a Church Foundation Governor. Previously, I had been a Governor of Forest Row Church of England Primary School for some 4 years. It was good to bring that previous experience to this new role.

I have spent most of my career in the telecommunications industry, with the last 25 years as a senior manager. This gave me considerable experience in personnel and financial management. Much of my work involved project and programme management. This has been extremely useful as a member of the governing body and in building relationships between church and school. The last two Section 48 reports graded the school as 'Outstanding'. I am keen to use my skills and experience to foster, school improvement, maintain high standards, and ensure the wellbeing of all staff and pupils.