



# School Newsletter

**Friday 26th November 2021**

The Local Board, previously known as the Governing Body, work closely with Drake's and Otterton Schools to ensure the quality of Teaching and Learning is the very best. The Local Board members take part in school visits and speak with staff and children on a regular basis and work closely with the Board of Trustees in the Academy. As you can see our members are from different backgrounds and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to help improve the quality of education the children receive in our schools. Mrs Anne Pelosi and Mrs Claire Appleby also sit on the Local Board along with Mr Peter Halford.

**Corinna Tigg** - currently Chair of the Local Board of Governors for the Raleigh Hub (Drake's and Otterton primary schools). I've always lived locally, growing up in Budleigh Salterton and now living with my family in Exmouth. I went to University of Plymouth and graduated with a degree in Statistics. Later I completed my Post Graduate Certificate in Education with Devon Primary SCITT, which is a school based teacher training provider. I am married and have four children, the eldest being 18 and just started University and the youngest in year 8 at secondary school. All my children attended Otterton C of E primary school and that is where my passion for supporting small schools stemmed from. As well as being a governor I also sit on the committee for a local orchestra in which three of my children play. I have been a governor for a few years now, joining the team when my youngest was in year 3. I became a governor as I strongly believe in the place that small schools have in the community and the benefits that they give to all children within their care. I like to think that the skills that I have developed over the years are transferable and bring a different aspect to the Local Board.

**Anthony Alexander** - 48 years as a school master, 26 of those as head of three secondary schools. Drake's and Otterton schools were both in my catchment area, and I have had close attachments to them for 18 years. I have always been made welcome in both schools in my professional capacity and as a governor. Since retirement from Exmouth Community College, I am the chairman of governors at the Deaf Academy in Exmouth.

**Claire Lister** - I work in publishing, editing children's books, so have a great interest in education and literacy, especially making sure there are books being created for a range of abilities and interests. I wanted to become a governor because I am passionate about our village schools and want to help them and the children who attend them thrive in whatever way I can.

Important Dates	
Wednesday 8th December	Christmas Performance
Monday 13th December	Pantomime
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Service
Friday 17th December	Last day of Term, 2pm finish
Wednesday 5th January	First day of Term

**Christine Channon** was born and grew up in the Peak District. After leaving school she qualified as a Clinical Biochemist and worked in Hospital Pathology. In 1964 she came to Devon to take up a post at the RD&E Hospital. In 1966 she married Gordon, an Exonian, and they had two children. They moved to Budleigh Salterton in 1983. In 1974 Christine enrolled for an Arts degree at Exeter University in Theology and Philosophy and went on to be awarded a Master's degree in the same subject. She then qualified as a teacher of RE. Christine was elected to Devon County Council in 1993 and continues to serve, currently as the Councillor for Exmouth and Budleigh Coastal Ward. She is past Leader and Chairman of Devon CC and also served as the Cabinet Member for Schools and Children's Services for three years. Currently she sits on the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee. She has wide experience as a school governor. She is a past Chairman of Governors of St Peter's C of E Primary, served for 16 years as a Governor of Exeter School, and since 2014 has been a Governor at the Raleigh Federation and was instrumental in leading the Federation to become part of the Link Academy. She has served on the Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE) for over 28 years and was licensed as a Reader in the Exeter Diocese in 2010.

**Nichole Cookson** - I am one of the Parent Governors for the Raleigh Hub. I have lived in Budleigh Salterton for 18 years, I have two children, one in Year 5 at Drakes and another who recently finished Year 6 and now attends secondary school. The reason I wanted to become a governor was to support Drakes & Otterton and although I am new to governing, I have been working within Adult Social Care for over 15 years. I feel a lot of the skills I've gained in my job as well as being a mum enables me to give a view on a wide range of subjects during meetings and visits. When I'm not working, I enjoy walking our dog and taking the children out on their pony.

**Fran Mills** - I have been involved with Otterton School and later Drakes for over 20 years. Firstly, and most importantly as a parent, then becoming Chair of OCESA, joining the Governors and later becoming Chair and leading the board through partnership and eventually Federation. When my children had all left the school, I took a short break & then returned as Clerk to the Governors for the local Board which I have now been doing for 3 years. As a parent I understand the leap of faith needed to allow a school to act in loco parentis for your children, however I believe that in both Otterton & Drakes schools the holistic wellbeing of each child and the wider community is always at the forefront of every decision made and for that I am very grateful.

**Reverend Martin Jacques** - I am the vicar of the Raleigh Mission community, a collection of three churches which includes both village churches in which our two schools are located. I was asked by our headteacher to have a role in school governance because of course both Otterton and Drakes are church of England schools so the link between us is historic and foundational. Each week I take "whole school" collective worship in both churches which is important in cementing this link between the church and the school in the minds of the children. We also provide the location for special events like Christmas and harvest, and leavers services etc. I am 59 years old with a grown-up daughter living in London. My first wife died in 2010 and I have been married to the Louise for seven years, who is also a school governor.

**Louise Jacques** - I have lived in East Budleigh for 3 years. I work as a Professor of Geriatric Medicine at Exeter University (where I am known as Louise Allan). I am married to Martin, the vicar of the Raleigh Mission Community and I worship in all 3 churches in the community. I wanted to make a contribution to the local community and young people and being a school is a good way to do that. I am also a trustee of the Shandford Trust and Seachange.

**Ephesians 4:32**

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.