

# NEWS FROM KINGSHILL GOVERNORS

You may recall that earlier in the year we held an election for two parent governors and I am pleased to say that Corina Russell and Magdalena Bartel were successful. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them both on their appointment and I look forward to working with them over the coming years, I'm sure they will both make a valuable contribution and help represent the views of the parent body. Please see below pen portraits for Corina and Magda.

We have recently expanded the size of the LGB and have two vacancies for Multi Academy Trust (MAT) appointed governors so if you would like to contribute to the future direction of the school and are interested in becoming a governor then do let me know.

As you will know, the school was visited by Ofsted in April and we retained our Good judgement with the inspector making note of the outstanding behaviour of the children. All the governors are very proud of the school and I would like to thank Mrs. Thomson and all the staff for their hard work and dedication. This is further validation of the strategic direction of the school and shows that the support mechanisms within the MAT are proving beneficial.

In addition, Mrs. Thomson's leadership at Court De Wyck has enabled Kingshill to work more closely with their staff and there are exciting plans for the next academic year to collaborate further, building on and sharing the strengths and expertise of both schools. It is really pleasing to see how well this has already developed and to see how enthusiastically the staff have taken up the new opportunities.

Next year governors will be working with school staff to set up and carry out some special projects engaging the children more in the life of our local community. We hope that parents will also want to become involved, so look out for more information in the new school year.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, one thing we must do better at is improve the school's overall attendance and reduce the rate of persistent absenteeism, which is now treated as being out of school more than 10% of the time. Unfortunately, the numbers do not distinguish between genuine illness and other reasons but there is a consensus in the research that missing this much school can have a negative impact on a child's results. It also has the side effect of greater scrutiny being placed on attendance and the management of it, diverting time and resources away from other activities. If you need help with attendance for whatever reason, then do please talk to the school so they can help.

Finally, can I wish all those who are leaving Kingshill at the end of term all the very best and good luck in the future. If you have any questions about the role of the governors or the strategic direction of the school, then feel free to drop me an email at [afletcher-rogers@kcs.bwmat.org](mailto:afletcher-rogers@kcs.bwmat.org)



Anthony Fletcher Rogers

## MEET OUR GOVERNORS



*Corina Russell (Parent governor)*

I have lived in Nailsea all my life and attended Kingshill Church School many years ago when it was known as Christchurch Junior School.

When I left school, I started my career as an Office Assistant and over the years worked my way up to Office Manager and qualified in Human Resources before I left to have my children. I now work part time in a customer facing role which involves working with and helping people which I love, this allows me to focus on my children's education and their upbringing.

I wanted to get more involved with my children's education and their school and felt that I could offer my various education, business and parent experiences to help Kingshill Church School be the very best it can be for staff, students and parents.



*Magdalena Bartel (Parent governor)*

I am a mother to three children aged 7,3 and 1, Polish national with an English husband. Since coming to the UK in 2006 I have lived in Hounslow and Guildford. I have been a stay at home mum since my first child was born in 2010. Before that I was manageress in a branch of Café Kix, based in an office block. I moved to Nailsea in April 2016 while my daughter was in the reception year. Moving somewhere where we didn't know anyone and changing schools was not the easiest of experiences. However, the support from the school staff and community made me feel very welcome. I have become a parent governor, because I would like to give something back to this community.

I have no previous experience as a governor nor have I worked within the education system, which is a bit scary, although it does mean I can bring a fresh perspective and an independent eye to the governing board. I feel, as every other parent does, that my children deserve the best possible education. Kingshill has seen a huge amount of improvement over the past few years. As a parent governor I hope to be part of a team that can continue to move the school forward for the benefit of all the children. I also believe parental support and involvement plays a significant role in the school life, this is why whenever I can, I help with KFA events and you could see me dressed up as a clown in the latest Nailsea Carnival.

I am always happy to have a chat (or go for a drink) so if you see me around (doing school runs every day with double green pushchair) please feel free to ask me about anything alternatively email me on:

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