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### Message from Karen Bond – Local Governing Body Chair (LGB)

Dear parents, carers, staff, and our wider community,

Thank you all for the warm welcome I have received since being appointed the Chair of Constantine's Local Governing Body.

It has been lovely to meet so many of you when I have been in school. Whether this has been meeting staff and children across the school, or when I have been out on the gate and meeting parents and carers.

I would like to say a very special thank you on behalf of the governors to Jo Bryce (Parent Governor) and Emma Vyvyan (Community Governor) who stepped down from their governor roles at the end of last term. Governors are volunteers giving their time freely, so I just wanted to take this opportunity to say how much their contributions to the work of the governing body has been valued. I would also like to welcome Phil Wilkinson who joined us for his first meeting as a new parent governor in February. As governors we are very proud of the role we play in the work of the school, and we want to share this with you.

This is our first termly newsletter which we will be sharing with you to inform you of our work.

It is our aim to improve communication and links between governors, staff, parents, and children and it is our hope that this newsletter will meet part of this aim.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my fellow governors, the staff team, your children, and you our families, for your continued support of our school.

On behalf of all our governors, I wish you all a very relaxing Easter break.



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## Who are the Governors at Constantine Primary School?

- **Karen Bond** - Chair of the Local Governing Body and Community Governor Delegated Responsibility for Safeguarding and SEND
- **Charlotte Evans** – Parent Governor - Lead Governor for Standards
- **Frankie Pompili** – Community Governor – Lead Governor for Stakeholder Engagement
- **Claire Smith** - Ex-Officio Executive Headteacher
- **Vacancy** –Staff Governor
- **Phil Wilkinson** – Parent Governor

## Contacting our Governors

If you would like to contact our Governors, you can email Jane Burden (Clerk to the Local Governing Body): [Jburden@kernowlearning.co.uk](mailto:Jburden@kernowlearning.co.uk)

Please visit our Governor page on the school website to find out more about what we do. This includes our profile page [Constantine Primary School \(kernowlearning.co.uk\)](http://Constantine.Primary.School@kernowlearning.co.uk) and our Annual Governance report to parents.

## Introducing our newest governor, Phil Wilkinson – Parent Governor



I have three daughters, the eldest of which is now at university. My middle daughter is at Penryn College but was previously at Constantine Primary. My youngest is at Constantine Primary. I have lived in Falmouth most of my life, however moved out to Constantine 2 years ago. After leaving university I worked for 16 years with a locally based specialist offshore drilling company. My work took me to some great locations around the World and also the UK. For the past 13 years I've worked as a consultant in the offshore renewable energy sector, mainly offshore wind. I occasionally still travel for work but not as often as pre-COVID. My wife has been actively involved with the school for many years by way of PTA and TA roles, but recently she moved to another role still working with children elsewhere in Cornwall, so I thought about taking an active role with the school as a Governor. Hopefully my experiences in different aspects of my professional career can bring some benefits to the school in the role as a Governor. I'm very keen to ensure that the values of the school are maintained at the highest possible level. It is so important, particularly in small communities like Constantine, that the school is a safe learning and social environment for our children. For leisure, when I get time away from fatherhood or being a husband, I try and keep active, you may see me out on my bike or possibly the odd run around the lanes. However, my main passion is the sea, in the summer I free dive and spearfish when time and the weather align.

## How have governors been supporting the school this term?

Governors meet twice a term to discuss the progress of the priorities in the School Improvement Plan.

Part of our work as Governors includes completing monitoring and evaluations of the school's work and this is supported by our visits into school to see the work of staff and children in action.

Governor monitoring this term has included - Safeguarding, SEND, Curriculum, and Behaviour.

To ensure that we are up to date on the latest legislation, statutory responsibilities, Ofsted, and best practice, governors have been participating in training this term which has included –

- New Governor induction training
- Safeguarding – Tier 2
- Effective Governance – (Kernow Learning Governor Conference)

In the summer term we will be reviewing the impact of our work and will share this report with you on our school website.