

## **Capenhurst CE Primary School – Governor Pen Portraits**

### **Claire Green (headteacher)**

My role as headteacher at Capenhurst CE Primary School is a wide and varied one; especially as I teach in Class one (reception children) four mornings a week. The opportunity to retain a regular teaching commitment enables me to have a clear picture of how the policies agreed with staff and governors are put into practice with the children. Working closely with the staff, governors and parents ensures that the needs of all the children within the school are being met. The role of headteacher at a small, village school is quite different to my previous roles in larger schools in that I feel very much part of the wider school community which I enjoy.

### **Pat Mitchell (Chair of Governors, foundation governor)**

I am an active member of Holy Trinity Church and have previously served on the PCC. When the position of school governor became available in June 2019, I was excited to take it on as I am passionate about children achieving the best start in life.

My background began in large organisations as a Human Resources manager, but for the last 21 years I have co-owned a children's day nursery in Chester. I am well aware of the privilege of caring for children and the challenges and opportunities presented and I have two grown up children of my own. I am enjoying working alongside a very dedicated team of teachers and governors to create the best outcomes for your children.

### **Hayley Massey (Vice-Chair of Governors, co-opted governor)**

I am very pleased to serve on the governing body at Capenhurst as a co-opted governor. I have a long history with the school both as a grandparent and I was a midday assistant at the school for 4 years. I have found Capenhurst to be a very special school with dedicated passionate staff. Due to the size of the school, all staff get to know the children well. This creates a friendly/family like atmosphere in the school.

I have always been very passionate about education. During the 1990s I was a Parent Governor at Meadow Primary School when my boys were there. I have also spent years in early years education both in preschool and nursery settings. In addition to this I also spent time working in a voluntary capacity for Passion for Learning. This involved going into a local school working on a 1:1 basis with children who needed a little extra help. It was all about building confidence in reading, writing and their overall self-confidence. During this time, I found my degree in psychology very useful in understanding how children's minds work.

Capenhurst has a very special place in my heart and I will endeavour to do my best for this wonderful little school.

### **Jemma Leach (Finance Governor, parent governor)**

I am really pleased to be a part of the Governing Body here at Capenhurst CE Primary School. The school have always gone above and beyond for both of my children, one of which still attends the school and is currently in Year 4. I felt that the time was right to give something back and support them as best I can.

My career has predominately been working with all different aspects of finance within the education sector and am currently a Compliance Manager for a Catering Company who cater for Primary and Secondary Schools all over the country.

I have experience in HR and Business Management and am keen to apply my skillset to the role of Parent Governor.

I often drop off and collect my son from school so please do feel free to reach out with any questions or help you may need.

**Stephanie Tranter (co-opted governor)**

I very recently became a Governor at Capenhurst CE Primary School. My two daughters both attend Capenhurst Primary and it was important to me to be part of helping to make the school the very best it can be so that my daughters and all the pupils are able to achieve the most they can from their academic years giving them all a bright future. I believe the school allows our children to be individuals and teaches them values and compassion as well as having in my opinion some absolutely brilliant teaching staff, professional, supportive, dedicated and kind who make school feel like home away from home. I feel every child is known and valued and part of the school community.

I currently work as Teaching assistant in a local secondary school, which gives me good insight into what best prepares our children for their next steps in life after primary school as well as giving me up to date training in safeguarding our children. I'm always happy to help and give advice where possible and I can normally be found on the school runs and at most Capenhurst social events!

**Carol Smith (staff governor)**

I joined Capenhurst CE Primary School in October 2014 as a mid-day assistant (dinner lady). My previous employment since leaving high school had been within the family warehousing and haulage business working my way up from general dogsbody to company secretary. When my dad retired, the business was sold and I felt it was time for me to move on. Around the same time, I decided to make my life-long passion for dogs and hobby of training and competing in agility and obedience my main method of income and set up my own dog training business. The two roles complement each other and I am able to organise my working day around time spent at Capenhurst in my role as a mid-day.

They say, never work with animals or children, but I choose to work with both and find no two days are the same and both roles certainly keep me on my toes!

**Jayne Norton (parent governor)**

I recently became a parent governor at Capenhurst Church of England Primary School. Two of my three children currently attend the school and I hope my third child will do the same. Being a parent with a long future at the school gives me a vested interest in finding ways I can contribute and support the school staff to provide the best opportunities/outcomes for all the children as they start their educational journeys.

I am a mental health nurse with a background in hospital management as well as CAMHS some years ago. I feel my nursing skills can be applied to my governor role and help to achieve good mental health support. The school is a very special school with a nurturing and inclusive atmosphere. Children and staff know and respect one another and I am grateful my children are a part of this. Anything I can give back to the school I am keen to do. I am always happy to help or find answers to questions, should you see me on the school run.

**Emma Sharman (co-opted governor)**

I recently became a school governor as my child is a student in the school and I wanted to be able to contribute in her education and the environment for all students at Capenhurst C of E. I love the community of the school and how nurturing it is with all the children. I believe that all members of staff are excellent and really make all the children feel comfortable and excited to learn.

I currently work as Advanced Nurse Practitioner in Acute Medicine; when I am not in work, I am spending time with my family or training for marathons. I enjoy spending time with children and feel very grateful for the experience of governor, helping to strive with making the school a success for all children, maintaining the community feel and encouraging all students to do their best. I regularly am at school events or pick up and drop off if anyone would like to talk about anything.

**Anne Gardner (local authority governor)**

I have recently relocated to Chester after living and working in Suffolk for the last 30 years. I was keen to become involved within the local community and as I have worked in education for most of my professional career, I felt I could make an active contribution to the role of school governor at Capenhurst CE Primary School.

I have always been passionate about learning and giving our children and young people the opportunities to be the best they can be. I have worked as a teacher, middle leader, deputy headteacher and headteacher in a number of different schools in Suffolk. Over the years I have seen many children achieve and grow as individuals and I have really enjoyed being part of this process.

As a relatively new governor I have been impressed with the strong sense of community at Capenhurst where all individuals both children and staff are valued. I am really looking forward to working with governors and staff to support the school.