Introducing the Governors of Tavistock Primary & Nursery School 2020-21

Darren Newland Chair



Darren is currently the Practice Manager of Abbey Surgery in Tavistock and Bere Alston. He has worked in the NHS for over 16 years navigating the political changes etc. Previously he worked in retail for travel agents and covered lots of training areas such as marketing, finance, human resources, human psychology, effective management, sales techniques, Train the Trainer and so on which also helps with his current governor role as Deputy Chair.

Darren also holds a National Community Sports Leader Certificate and is a first aider including Basic Life Support which includes been trained to use defibrillators.

Darren has two children and is their taxi driver.

Lynnette Selbie Headteacher



Lynnette has a BEd Hons degree from Exeter University via Marjons – subjects English and History. Her family background is in small business – greengrocery, confectionery, wines and spirits, cinema and theatre.

Lynnette's teaching career since 1987 includes: Reception to Secondary age English and TEFL – in Egypt (tri-lingual reception children at private school), Sicily (secondary English and adult TEFL), Newham (10 years at 2 schools including roles as SENCo and Deputy Head - amalgamation of an infant and junior school to a 600 pupil school, 7 years as DHT Plymouth and first headship in Cornwall.

Lynnette joined Tavistock Primary and Nursery School in 2009 and her personal interests include reading, theatre, dance, walking the dog and skiing. She is also a mother of one daughter.

Ben Chilcott

Matt Morgan



Matt is currently a Year 3 teacher at Tavistock Primary and Nursery School having joined the team in September 2017. He is now in his 3rd year of teaching and prior to that spent 8 years within the health and fitness industry as a personal trainer and delivering vocational qualifications in health and fitness. He continues to teach fitness classes and maintains a small client base for personal training alongside teaching.

Originally from Wales, he enjoys keeping fit and is a keen rugby player. He enjoys being by the sea and is keen to get in the water for a surf whenever he can.

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Matthew Page

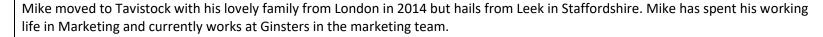
Matthew became a parent governor in March 2019 and has two children at Tavistock Primary & Nursery School.



Matthew has worked at the University of Plymouth for over 18 years and is currently the Unit Co-ordinator for the Peninsula Clinical Trials Unit.

Matthew loves spending time with his wife and two children. He is an active member of the Tavistock Methodist Church and his personal interests include Formula One, technology, cycling and finding sporting challenges to help raise money for charity.

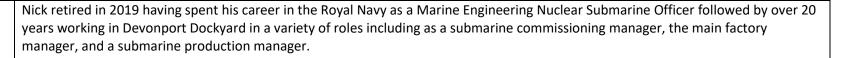
Mike Smith





Both of his kids attend our school and he love's spending time with his family. His other hobbies include listening to new music and staying active either in the gym or running up the gorgeous Tors in Dartmoor. He loves his football supporting his beloved Stoke and more recently becoming an armchair member of the Green Army. Mike is a passionate but terrible surfer.

Nick Nottley





He has 2 grown up children who live and work locally.

Nick's interests include: travel, reading, walking, golf, as well as maintaining a small holding including a reducing number of sheep.

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Pat Dickinson



Pat has a BA Combined Hons degree in Psychology, English and Education and a PGCE in Primary Education-3-11 years. She also holds a Principal's Training Centre Certificate of International School Leadership and was an Early Childhood co-ordinator in St John's International school, Waterloo, Belgium 1984-2009. With over 30 years of teaching experience including one year teaching English at secondary level, and two years teaching 9-10 year olds in UK, then 26 years teaching 3-7 year olds in an International School in Belgium, Pat also has experience of teaching and planning Primary Years' Programme of the International Baccalaureate.

Pat was also a member of the European Council of International Schools Accreditation team (to inspect, compare and assess standards in International schools), and for 10 years a member of the European Council of International Schools Early Childhood Committee (for ages 3-8 years). During that time, Pat chaired the committee for 3 years and organised 3 (tri-annual) Early Childhood Educational conferences for approximately 500 multi-national teachers and speakers. Pat has presented workshops on introducing Student –Led Portfolio Conferencing at St John's International school, Belgium, the joint ECIS/NESA conference in Dubai and at St Dominic's International school, Portugal. Personal interests include reading, theatre and travel and she volunteers as an Educational Assistant and Receptionist at Cotehele NT, is a member of St Andrew's Whitchurch, WI and of Tavy District U3A. Pat is also a mother of two sons and grandmother to two granddaughters.

Tim Bonney



Tim has been a governor since June 2019.

Tim moved to Tavistock with his family in July 2017 and has lived in Devon for most of his life. He has one child who attends the school and a 2nd who will join in 2021.

Tim runs a company that provides Websites and IT Solutions. He spends his free time with his children as they won't let him do anything else.