Welcome to our first Governor Newsletter for the summer term. The Governing body would like to welcome two new members: Stefanie Currell has been elected unopposed as parent governor; and Andy Palmer joins us as Community Governor. The Governing Body has one remaining Community Governor vacancy which we will be looking to fill in the coming months. If you know of someone who would be good in this role, please contact us at: governors@roebuck.herts.sch.uk

**Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)**
We would like to congratulate everyone at Roebuck on recently achieving the nationally recognised Leading Parent Partnership Award. We believe we are the first school in North Hertfordshire to achieve this recognition and certainly one of only a handful in the county. The LPPA Assessor interviewed a range of people during the assessment – including staff, parents, governors and pupils – who we hear were very vocal! She was very impressed with how well parents and the school work together. In particular, we would like to thank Mrs King and Miss Short for their amazing drive and determination in making it all happen.

**Website Update**
We are pleased to see that following on from the parent forums, Roebuck’s brand new, state of the art, website is live. Mr Fordham, Mrs King and Jaimie Nelson (Governor) worked together to capture all of the feedback received from parents and ensure that this was incorporated in the design. We hope that you like the new site and find it easier to navigate through. We welcome any feedback.

**Peer Support**
Victoria Upton (Governor) recently met with the Year 5 Peer Supporters. During their lunchtime, she observed how they interact with the younger pupils from EYFS and how they help out when they go back into class. Victoria then spoke to all of this year’s Peer Supporters to see why they wanted to be a Peer Supporter and what they liked about being a Peer Supporter. The main feedback that came from this was that they all want to make sure that there is no bullying in the school, that no children are left alone, and that they all have fun. This is a rewarding role for the children and gives them some responsibility and accountability which will help them in future years.

**Governor Strategy Day**
Following on from the success of last year, on Tuesday 17 May we held our second Governor Strategy day. All Governors came into school for the whole day. This year our focus was on boys and how they can be more engaged during lessons. We started the day by attending a whole school assembly, visiting classrooms and talking to both children, teachers and TA’s. Some Governors joined the children for lunch. During the afternoon we all came together to discuss and agree the school’s budgets, which is one of our responsibilities.

Mr S Marshman  
*Chair of Governors*