

## GOVERNOR OF THE MONTH: Nicola Bailey



I have been a governor at Molescroft Primary School since 2011; prior to that I was a governor at Beverley Manor Nursery School. My governor links are with the 'Arts' and 'Special Educational Needs and Disabilities'. My brother and I are ex-Moles and my two children both attended Molescroft. I have a keen interest in special educational needs and supporting pupils to reach their full potential. My own son, Jack, aged 13, has autism, so I have experienced first hand both the joys and challenges of bringing up a child who follows a slightly different path. He loved his time at Molescroft and likes to come back and help with events such as the Christmas Fayre and the annual Theatre Club production. I also have a daughter, Jessica, who is almost 15 and loves comedy. She particularly started to like catchphrases during Year 5 at Molescroft, when her class teacher could always be relied upon to inadvertently say something funny and make everyone laugh.

I have been involved in education either as pupil, student or employee since starting school in January 1978! Since September 2016 I have worked as a teaching assistant at Beverley High School. Prior to that I was employed for 13 years as a study skills tutor at Bishop Burton College. In both of these roles I have worked closely with children and young people with dyslexia, dyspraxia and autism. I can attest to the fact that with the right support, encouragement and understanding there are lots of opportunities for people who may have extra challenges and struggles but who with determination can succeed.

I continue to enjoy my role as governor and particularly like to be part of the audience when the children are involved in anything musical. Although I know a lot of songs and shows I'm afraid I have never mastered an instrument and cannot sing a note! Therefore, I am always impressed by the talent of the pupils of Molescroft Primary School. I am especially looking forward to seeing this year's production, Starlight Express, and know that once again the children will put on an excellent show.