

## Meet Mrs Conacher

(Interview by Maddy, Kate, Joe, Archie, Rhys and Imogen)

### What is your role as a school Governor?

Mrs Conacher is a parent Governor; a parent Governor is a person to go to when you need help. If Mrs Conacher can't decide what to do to help you she reports it to the Governing body and then they all decide what to do. After the Governing body have decided what to do to help the parent, she goes to them and tells them the decision they have made so the parent knows what to do.

### Why did you choose to become a governor?

Mrs Conacher chose to become parent governor because she feels strongly about making our schools the best place they can be for the children. Although she enjoys it, sometimes she thinks she has too much to do! She says that it's not easy doing the governor job but she does it to make the school community better for us. Her role as a parent governor is to talk to the parents of children in the school and share their views with governors. She normally gets involved in the church assemblies and school trips.

### What is your day job?

Mrs Conacher teaches humanities at a school in Thirsk. She has worked there for 14 years and teaches 10 to 18 year olds.

### How can you help us with our learning?

As a school governor, Mrs Conacher attends school meetings with the rest of the Governing Body to decide important decisions that work well for the schools. Those decisions include helping us with our learning. She gets involved and gives a helping hand because she has fun and it is something different. She helps in all aspects of learning; deciding on what we will be taught in lessons and looking after the garden at St Hilda's for us to enjoy. Mrs Conacher's favourite part of helping us with our learning is deciding on school trips and fun activities. Mrs Conacher volunteers to help with the school and is not paid but she doesn't mind because she is interested in children having a good education and enjoying school. Sometimes she finds it quite hard to fit everything in with having four children herself as well!

### Is there a lot of pressure being a governor?

Yes, there is a big responsibility and sometimes it can be a confusing job. It is not an easy job to take because there are lots of decisions to make and she doesn't want to let the school down.

## **What hobbies do you have?**

Mrs Conacher likes gardening and helps other volunteers make the garden at St Hilda's look nice. She likes cooking too, Mrs Conacher also likes motorbikes. But she loves being governor best of all!