



### **Claire Mead - Pen Portrait**

I have been a regular visitor to the school for around three years. In my role as Youth & Schools Worker for Contagious I have very much enjoyed supporting the school regularly with their Collective Worship and getting to know pupils and staff. I often bring along my Open the Book team from different churches across the town who act out Bible stories for the pupils. The pupils really enjoy taking part in these special assemblies and we always have plenty of willing volunteers!

(Contagious is a Christian charity supported by Christians Together in Alnwick and other local churches. It is a Local Ministry Partner of the national organisation Scripture Union.)

I have also supported the school with ShineGirl (a mentoring programme for girls to help promote self esteem and positive relationships) and also PSHE/RE lessons such as Year 6 transition to Secondary School. With my role with Contagious, I am able to continue to support the pupils as they move up to DCHS in Alnwick where I am also a regular visitor to the school. I have been delighted to have attended special school events such as the annual Christingle in St Paul's RC Church and Swansfield's Got Talent where I had the very tricky job of being one of the judges!

After completing a PGCE to teach Secondary History at the UEA in Norwich I began my career as a Teacher of Humanities in Norfolk and I bring my knowledge and understanding of the education system to my new role as a governor at Swansfield Park. As an active member in our local community through my role with Contagious and also a member of St Michael's Parish Church I look forward to continuing to support the school in its strong relationship with the local community. I have 9 years of children and youth work experience which I can also bring to the governing body as I am experienced in informal education in addition to school based education.

In my spare time I enjoy church bell ringing, singing as part of The Bailiffgate Singers, meeting friends for coffee and cake, reading books and exploring the beautiful Northumberland coastline and countryside.