

Dear Parents

Last year I was writing thanking everyone for their support during the Autumn term as it was extremely challenging due to COVID lockdowns. What we weren't fully expecting was a further lockdown in January and a delay in returning to school. Our hopes for this year will be that the Omicron variant will steady itself and we will be able to see all children back in January. Whatever the situation is, we can guarantee that the teachers will be fully prepared for any eventuality.

It's certainly been steps towards normality with the Christmas Fayre being held live, as opposed to virtually, last year and let's hope that the 2022 Fayre can be held inside. Also it was great to see the children perform in the annual school play. Every year this is a highlight for me and really does mark the start of my Christmas.

The Governing Body has had a few changes in personnel over the last 12 months, which is not unusual, and we have also decided to have an external review of ourselves to make sure that we are supporting the school in the best possible way. Whilst we feel that there have been significant developments over the last few years we have realised that a fresh pair of expert eyes can help identify where we can improve.

We are also focussed on helping the school move forwards in a positive manner. Although the OFSTED inspection didn't come at a great time in the school calendar it helped to give us all a clearer understanding of where we should be going and re-inforced the approach that our Headteacher had commenced.

Meeting of the Governing Body 16 November 2021

Administration of the Governing Body

There were a few changes to the Governing body from last summer and I am delighted to announce that Leah Iles was confirmed as a co-opted governor. James Prior ceased his role following the conclusion of his term of office, therefore, we have one vacancy for a co-opted governor (usually filled by someone outside of the direct school family).

Operational Business

The main focus for the operational aspect of the school was reviewing the Headteacher report and understanding the plans already put in place. The actions that have been undertaken have been considered to be excellent and our thanks go to the Headteacher and staff for continuing to develop the children and the school

Strategic Business

Following on from the OFSTED inspection we have decided to review the need for the Governors' Annual Development Planning meeting to which all parents are invited. This will be re-considered at a later date when we can assess what benefits will arise from it. In the meantime our learning walks will continue throughout the school year.

The Governing Body plans to meet on:

Tuesday 8 March 2022 for the Spring term Full Governing Body Meeting

On behalf of The Governors, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a successful 2022.



Martyn Keates
Chair of Governors