

Dear Parents,

Have yourselves a merry, little Christmas!

Once again, the amazing performance by the children of the Christmas production always marks the start of my Christmas. On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank the children and the staff for their outstanding production. I know the final one brings such a sigh of relief for the staff; however, I would like you all to recognise the work that they put in and also appreciate that it's not just for entertainment it's also an important part of the children's education and development as an enrichment activity.

Meeting of the Governing Body 21st November 2023

Administration of the Governing Body (FGB)

Each Governor undertakes a 4-year period on the Governing body which can be extended for a further 4 years. Occasionally, there are personal reasons for individuals to reduce their tenure which can sometimes result in a shortfall of Governors. Currently, we have 4 vacancies on the FGB – 2 are parent governor roles and 2 are co-opted governor roles (not directly associated with the school). The parent governor roles can be filled by grandparents as well as parents so if anyone has the desire, time and enthusiasm to support the school we would be delighted to hear from you via the Clerk to the Governing Body, Mrs Harris.

Operational Business

There were a number of school monitoring visits conducted by Governors during the autumn term and also an ongoing review of the school's finances. The day to day running costs marginally exceed the income received from the local authority and elsewhere (such as the hire of the school, letting of the bungalow, etc. and this is one reason why the school, as a whole, has looked for additional fundraising opportunities to focus on specific areas such as the library project. The small amount of reserves that the school currently has, will have to be utilised during the next few years.

Whilst we are celebrating Christmas and enjoying the glitter and tinsel, there's prize for the first person who can let Mrs Harris know what the connection is between a Garland and the first line of this letter!!!

Strategic Business

The Government has chosen to remove SATs at the end of Key Stage 1 (although we don't know what a potential change in government will bring next year). However, the school will continue carry out rigorous assessments to ensure that consistent results are upheld.

The Governing Body plans to meet on:

Tuesday 19th March 2024 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 2024.



Martyn Keates
Chair of Governors