



Tylers Green First School

Governors Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first term of the 2025-6 academic year, we wanted to extend a very warm welcome to our new parents. For those new to the school, the Governing Board is made up of a group of volunteers with a wide range of experience amongst us. The role of the Governing body is to provide strategic leadership to the school, we also help to ensure that there is accountability and have an oversight of the schools financials. If you would like to learn more about those on the Governing Board - please have a look at this page on the school website;

<https://www.tylersgreenfirst.co.uk/page/?title=Information+about+our+Governors&pid=86>

GOVERNOR & STAFF UPDATES

LITERACY GOVERNOR: Amy Cunningham has taken on the Literacy Governor role after two years covering the SEND, Sports Premium and Pupil Premium Governor role. A special thank you from the Governing team and staff for Amy's hard work on SEND and your incredibly thorough reports.

SEND GOVERNOR: Sam Cartwright will now be taking on the SEND, Sports Premium and Pupil Premium Governor role. Sam has spent two decades teaching at primary and secondary schools, working in state and private education.

BURSAR: Please join us in welcoming Roisin Neeson as our new Bursar. Roisin has a strong financial and operational background and has made a great start within the past couple of weeks. We are grateful to Mrs Rutter in supporting the handover and for her dedication to Tylers Green First School. We wish you all the very best in your new role.

GOVERNOR VISITS

Our Governors have had a busy term of visiting, with SEND, Literacy, Safeguarding and Numeracy visits along with a Governor walkaround hosted by Mrs Talbot for our Development Governor. Governors have been incredibly impressed with the children's behaviour and enthusiasm for learning, as well as the multiple declarations of love given to Mrs Talbot whilst visiting classrooms!

PREMISES UPDATES

The windows at the front of the school are now all in place, after the delay due to birds nesting. The new boiler is also up and running after months of work. We have a new willow trail for the children to enjoy and have weather proofed the trim trail with rubber mulch flooring on the school field.

The library flooring has now been replaced, and the combined air conditioning / heating units have made a huge difference to the school this term. Thank you again to Mr Webb for keeping the premises in such good condition.

EDUCATION UPDATES

This term has seen the introduction of Cornerstones Primary Curriculum. The new curriculum teaches subjects through a range of engaging and adaptable projects and allows schools to create their own bespoke curriculum.

So far the feedback from our teaching staff has been overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to hearing more as the year progresses. If you would like to learn more about Cornerstones, please have a read through this section on our website - <https://www.tylersgreenfirst.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=41>

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Due to the introduction of the new curriculum, our school trips may vary from previous years and excitingly, one of the first new adventures will be for our Year 2 Children, who will visit Royal Holloway University to take part in a special music themed trip.

We would like to say a huge thank you to those who have donated to the voluntary donations this year. As the financial climate toughens, we have seen a decline in donations in recent years so we are most grateful if you are able to support this fund.

The voluntary contributions go towards our school trips and ensure we are able to cap costs. We are also able to use a proportion of these funds for items such as the Willow Trail. It really is a well used pot!

If you haven't donated this year and would like to, please email the school office for more information - office@tgfs.org.uk

AROUND THE SCHOOL



Book Fair - Thank you to all who came and supported (and volunteered) at the recent book fair. We are delighted to say that we took over £1200 in sales, which will be converted into a percentage we can then spend on new books for the children.

Children in Need - the children all did a wonderful job in raising over £300 for Children in Need this year. Thank you to all who donated and dressed up. It's always a lovely start to the school day seeing the bright outfits coming through the school gates.

Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch - a day all of the Governing team look forward to as we get to help serve Christmas lunch alongside the brilliant catering team. The children all look wonderful in their Christmas jumpers and most at least try the odd sprout or two.

SCHOOL IN THE COMMUNITY

Christmas Carols - a reminder that our Children's Carols Service is on again this year on Thursday 18th December. Please join us from 1630 onwards for a festive drink and gifts, sold this year from The Sanctuary - which is attached to the Parish Rooms.

As Tylers Green First School is the benefactor of the Penn 7 Fun Run fundraising this year, there will be a short presentation during the Carol service. It's also our opportunity to thank the wonderful community we are part of for their generous donations which will put to good use in our Rainbow Room. We are still short of volunteers to help the evening run smoothly - if you are able to help us sell some hot chocolate, guide people on to the common or hand out carol sheets, please do get in touch with the team - carolsonthecommon@gmail.com



Wishing you a wonderful half term and Merry Christmas to those who celebrate.

TGFS Governing Team