



# Tylers Green First School Governors Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Christmas! As we approach the end of the first term, we wanted to share with you the recent developments and thank everyone who has contributed to another extremely busy term!

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## Governing Body Updates

### Farewell to Caroline Element and Rebecca Evans. Mark Patterson elected Chair

Caroline Element, Chair of the Governing Body, is stepping down after 5 years on the board and 4 years as Chair/Co-Chair. We would like to thank Caroline for all her hard work and commitment to the school and especially for her leadership as Chair.



Rebecca Evans is also stepping down as a governor after 4 years. Thank you to Rebecca for her hard work as the communications and literacy governor.

Mark Patterson has been elected as the new Chair of the Governing Body.

Thank you to the parents who came forward in response to our request to fill the vacant Governor roles and for attending our Full Governor Board meeting in the Autumn. We'd also like to pass on our thanks to all of those who came up for a chat at the Parent's evenings, we always welcome feedback.

As a reminder, our Parent Governor is Kathryn Beevers. Kathryn is the main point of contact for parents who would like to discuss anything with the Governing team. Kathryn's email address is; [KBeevers@tgfs.org.uk](mailto:KBeevers@tgfs.org.uk)



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## **Pupil Attendance**

You will have seen the recent letter from Mrs Talbot highlighting the importance of children attending school every day, even at this young age. Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life and the Governing Body are fully supportive of the school's ambitious targets for pupil attendance.

## Parish Council Support

Thank you to the Parish Council who continue to support the school and recently provided £2000 towards the replacement of the sound system in the hall.

## Reception phonics workshop

Mrs Hamilton led an engaging and well attended workshop for reception parents. For those unable to attend the slides are on the school website. The school is always keen to hear of areas parents would like to know more about, so please let the school office know if you have any suggestions.

## Parking and pupil safety

Mr Webb has taken on the position of School Crossing Patroller and this has had a very positive impact on the safety of the children. Yellow lines have now been approved for outside the school and we hope these changes will continue to have a positive impact on reducing parking in dangerous areas.

As a reminder a map of safe places to park is available, please ask the school for a copy of this if you're unsure.

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## Christmas Fair **a great success!**



We had a wonderful turnout for our Christmas Fayre on the 9th December. The Grotto, craft areas and games hall all proved to be very popular as did Miss Robertson's Braiding Bar, which was full of little customers for the duration of the fayre.

The PTA team have passed on their thanks for all of the support and to the Governors who volunteered on the day.

The Governing team also helped serve the Christmas Lunch on Friday 15th December - an annual tradition which we all really enjoy.



We would also like to extend our thanks to all who supported the recent Children’s Carols on the Common. The Governing team who attended really enjoyed the festive atmosphere and how well the children sang.

Let’s hope we’ve created a new tradition for our school and the community.



## Governing Body updates

### Governor visits

Suzanne Doria, SEN, Sports Premium and Pupil Premium Governor, visited the school on 10 November 2023. She observed how SEN, Sports Premium and Pupil Premium provisions are being implemented and how this aligns with the school vision. She reviewed how the SEN provision is being assessed and measured, how the pupil premium funding is being used and the effectiveness and impact of the PE and sports premium. She also discussed the future plans and some of the recent successes and challenges in order to understand how the Governing Body can provide support.

Kate Hazeldine, maths Governor, visited the school on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023. She observed how the maths curriculum is working and how, for the 2022/2023 academic year, maths targets were met and exceeded. She also looked at the focus for the 2023/2024 academic year and how the school will continue to work on adaptive teaching to challenge higher-attaining children and support children with additional needs.

Haydn Darch, EYFS governor, visited the school in November 2023. He observed how well the reception children have settled into the school and how confident, engaged and well-behaved they are. He also noted how the outdoor play area is much improved after investment in this area and how there are further plans to install a small stage area, funded by the PTA.

Enjoy a very well-deserved festive break!

