



Tylers Green First School

Governors Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Spring is upon us! We have had a busy start to the year and wanted to share with you the recent developments and thank everyone who has contributed to another successful term at the school...

School improvements

We continue to work towards improving the school environment and aesthetics to make it more comfortable for both children and teaching staff:

- New flooring and bright rugs have been added to reception and the canopy over each classroom has been replaced.
- The staff room has been made more functional and



inviting as part of the overall wellbeing initiative. Big thank you to Ms Gregory, Mrs Rutter and Mrs Talbot for measuring, clearing and providing the stylish plants and greenery.

Successful School Book Fair

We are delighted with the success of the Scholastic School Book Fair which took place after school on Monday 20th until Thursday the 23rd March. Every book purchased raised money and books for our school library which all of the children can enjoy. If you didn't manage to visit in person and would like to purchase some books, visit: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>.

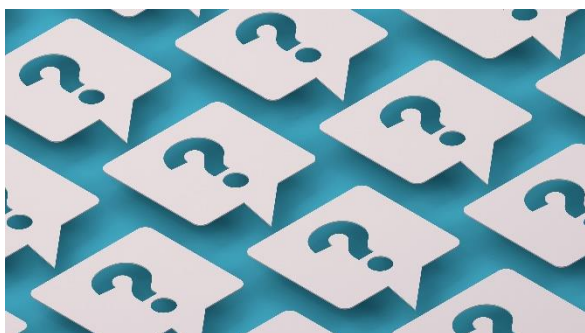
Parking and pupil safety



There is a new parking map available detailing the locations around the village where parents can safely park for school drop off and collection. We are grateful to our local community for their support. Please park considerately and remember that these car parks are not to be used for school events (e.g. performances, parents evenings etc).

We continue to make progress with the addition of double yellow lines outside the school and are now at the consultation stage. Thank you to the parents who continue to help to put the cones and signs away each day. If anyone else would like to volunteer to help, please let us know.

PTA organize first quiz night



A huge thank you to the PTA for organizing the first quiz and fish and chip night on 24 February at Tylers Green Village Hall. Many teams entered for some friendly rivalry. It was a huge success and raised valuable funds for the school.

We are already looking forward to the next one!

A fond farewell to Mrs Till

Mrs Till, our year 1 teaching assistant, is leaving at Easter after many successful years at Tylers Green First School. We would like to extend our gratitude and thanks for her dedication to the school and pupils and wish her well for the future.



Governing Body updates

Governor visits

Kate Hazledine, Numeracy Governor, visited the school on 16 November 2022. She observed some creative and practical learning approaches with ongoing assessments for foundation stage recorded on tapestry with evidence taking many forms including photos and observations. Years 1 and 2 use White Rose workbooks, with year 2 also using 'Extra-for-Experts' books for extra challenging, greater depth questions. There was evidence of group and individual working and support of Tas where needed. White boards, models, pictures, frames and counters were all in use to support learning.

Rebecca Evans, Literacy Governor, visited the school on 3 January 2023 and saw the guided reading initiative in practice. It was great to see two-way discussion about the selected book and evidence of each pupil reading aloud in a confident and competent manner. Themes were an excellent way to develop the children's interest and knowledge in a particular area. Reception were focused on a woodland theme, year 1 on explorers and year 2 on nurturing nurses. There was clear evidence of the pupil journey and progression as they move through the year groups and great use of visual tools – digital screens, physical models, pictures – to add variety and reinforcement to the learning.

Haydn Darch, Reception Year Governor, visited the school on 7 February 2023. He reviewed the makeup of the year group and confirmed the intake was allocated as equally as possible to create balanced classes. There are a significantly higher number of summer born children in this year group which has an impact on performance and progress, but almost all are now catching up well. Attendance, behaviour and progress with core curriculum subjects was good.

A warm welcome to Cat Drummond



Cat Drummond has recently been elected to the Board of Governors. Cat is a qualified actuary and Partner at LCP LLP. She lives on Hammersley Lane and is passionate about supporting the local community and ensuring all children have access to high quality and inclusive education. She plans to use the skills and experience from her professional background to enhance TGFS's governance and risk management, as well as helping to ensure all pupils, regardless of their background or needs, have the best opportunities to grow, learn and succeed.

Please e-mail: office@tgfs.org.uk if you would like to discuss a role on the Board of Governors.

Enjoy the Easter break!

Caroline (Chair) and Ian (Co-Chair)

