



# Tylers Green First School

## Governors Newsletter

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Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the 2022, it is a great opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to another successful term at the school and share some highlights from the past couple of months...

### Phonics open morning session – huge success!

Open phonics lessons were held at the school on 6 October for parents to see and hear the tools and techniques used to help our pupils progress in this area which plays such a critical role in the curriculum. Around 90 parents attended the sessions which was an excellent show of support and demonstration of the importance of phonics to our children's development. We saw how teaching staff keep the children engaged and make the environment a safe place to make mistakes. Feedback from parents was extremely positive and many commented how much they had learned, how much they appreciated working in partnership with teachers and how much fun the children seemed to have whilst learning.

### Pupil safety



Our traffic cones and parking signage outside the school continues to have a very positive impact on reducing parking and congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you to the parents who help to put them away each day. If anyone else would like to volunteer to help, please let us know.

We continue to see many more children walking or cycling to school, which is great for our health as well as the environment. For those, who do need to drive to school, remember that the Penn and Tylers Green Sports and Social Club allow us to use their car park during school drop-off and pick-up. Please remember not to park next to the school bollards.

We also have approval for double yellow lines to be installed opposite the school, alongside the Common, which should help the situation further and Governors attended the joint travel plan meeting last week.

## Remembrance Service



Pupils, staff and parents from both Tylers Green First and Middle Schools attended the Annual Remembrance Service on the front common on Friday 11 November. It was a moving service and children were excellent representatives of the school.

The children learned a song called 'Lest we forget' which they sang as they left the school and carried poppies to the ceremony which they had personally made.

### Governing Body updates

#### **We need you!**

Being a school governor is a great way of supporting our school, its leadership and our children as well as giving back to the community. Our Governing Body is made up of a combination of appointed and elected governors that include parents, grandparents and members of the local community. No formal qualifications are needed to become a governor, but a commitment to the school and the ability to work in a team are essential.

The Governing Body's role is to set the strategic direction for the school, supporting the Head Teacher, namely:

- To set the aims and objectives for the school
- Ensure achievement of high standards in education for our children
- Ensure that finances are appropriately used, and premises are appropriately maintained
- Ensuring that resources are appropriately utilised in the best way for the school to benefit the children

The Full Governing Body meets termly, and there are also termly committee meetings. **Please e-mail: [office@tgfs.org.uk](mailto:office@tgfs.org.uk) if you would like to discuss a role on the Board of Governors.**

#### **Governor visits**

Suzanne Doria, SEN and Pupil Premium Governor undertook visit in October 2022 to see SEN and Pupil Premium provision:

- Increasing numbers of SEN pupils in the school and all are making progress, particularly in English and maths interviews are well underway.
- Laura Gregory now has time out of the classroom to dedicate to interventions and strategic planning.
- Teaching Assistants attended the Language Links Conference in Summer 2022 and it is hoped they will attend formal SEN training in due course.
- The team are ensuring that Pupil Premium children are accessing their eligible funds and additional resources such as morning clubs, additional reading and small group support.

Haydn Darch, Reception Year Governor, attended the workshop for parents of Reception children to explain how reading, writing and maths are taught:

- Examples of some of the materials used were available for parents to examine and use.
- The uniqueness of each child was emphasised throughout.
- The role of 'homework', the use of electronic media and how parents can support their child at home was fully explained.

## Helping out in challenging times

We recognise the current economic and financial climate is challenging for all of us, from rising costs of energy to food and we have put in some measures at the school to help us through this period:

- **Harvest Festival** – Thanks to the generosity of parents, we have gathered together donations of food and household items which were donated to **One Can Trust**. One Can Trust operates a foodbank in High Wycombe, serving the town and the wider area of South Buckinghamshire providing weekly food parcels to those who need help. They have seen a huge increase in requests for our support over the last few months and are delighted to be able to help.
- **Book Exchange** – Children have donated books they've grown out of and were able to choose a 'new' and exciting book to take home and enjoy.
- **Children in Need** – Once again, we hosted a number of fun activities to raise money. Children had fun decorating their clothes and faces with the spotty stickers provided by the school (see image below!). £542.10 was raised!
- **Additional support** – The PTA has been selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers and costumes ahead of Christmas events and you can speak discreetly to Mrs Turner in the school office to determine if you are eligible for additional benefits relating to free school meals.



## Thank you to the PTA



Our PTA continues to work tirelessly to raise funds for the school and representatives from the Board of Governors were delighted to attend their AGM and recent PTA Meeting in September to learn more about their plans and upcoming activities.

The TGFS Summer Fete raised £1871. The recent Family Night was completely sold out and enjoyed by all who attended. And we are looking forward to the Christmas Bazaar on 16 December (3.00pm - 5.30pm).

Thank you to the PTA for all your efforts this year.

Enjoy the festive break!

**Caroline (Chair) and Ian (Co-Chair)**

