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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year and welcome to all our new parents. This is an exciting year for the governors with the recruitment of a new headteacher and two new joint chairs of governors, Caroline Element and Paul Rutter.

Recruitment

The governors have been hard at work over the last year recruiting a new headteacher, deputy headteacher, a foundation stage teacher and a bursar. With this exciting new team in place and settling in, we can concentrate on the priorities you have raised to improve the school.

Listening to you

We have been working hard to address the issues you raised in the parent survey and have made much progress with both the interim head and new incoming head. One area you made clear was the need for more flexible wrap around care for your children at the school. We have taken this on board and are currently working on the provision of wrap around care starting in June 2020. More detail and other initiatives from the survey will follow shortly. Please tell your friends and neighbours who are considering the school that wrap around care will be in place when their children arrive in September.

A big thank you

The governors would like to thank the brilliant PTA for all their hard work during the recent working parties. The school looks fantastic! With all the money the parents raised through the PTA last year, the children are delighted with their new laptops that they are able to use at their

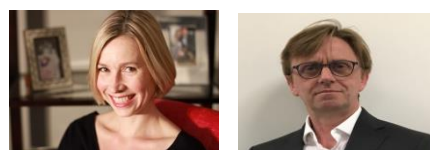
desks in the classroom. This is a huge leap forward in ICT provision at the school and has enriched the teaching of ICT.

We need your help

We are looking for two new governors to join our team. With the new headteacher starting, it's a great time to consider joining the team as there are many exciting projects underway. Being a 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 number and type of governors varies between schools, but our governing body comprises fourteen governors. The responsibility for the actions and decisions of the governing body lies with the whole governing body, not with individual members.

If you are interested in finding out more, please feel free to contact us via the School Office on 01494 813201 or by email office@tgfs.org.uk

Caroline and Paul



Welcome New Governors

Suzanne Doria



Suzanne joined the Governing Body earlier this year. Suzanne has a background in Operations Management and is now a business lecturer at Bucks New University in High Wycombe. Originally from Northern Ireland, she lives in Tyler's Green with husband and two kids. One of which has just started Tyler's Green First School. As a governor, she would like to use her educational background to support and progress the school.

Laura Gregory



I am delighted to be the staff governor at Tylers Green First School and am excited to be part of a forward-thinking team. I have taught for over 20 years, mostly in Buckinghamshire, in both mainstream and specialist primary schools. I enjoy the unique opportunities and experiences that working in an infant school provides both the children and adults, no two days are the same. It is a privilege to share the children's learning journey and I look forward to school every day!

Rebecca Evans



Rebecca Evans was elected to the board of governors in December. Rebecca works as a Global Marketing Manager and a Change Management Leader in the life sciences sector and brings many years of experience in

marketing, branding, communication and strategy development to the board. She is keen to apply her skills in a new environment and support the local community. In her spare time, Rebecca enjoys keeping active and going to the theatre. Some of you may have already seen Rebecca helping out with the Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Bazaar.

What do Governors do?

We have had queries from a few parents on what the Governing Body does.

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

Interview with New Headteacher

We look forward to welcoming our new head teacher, Mrs Talbot, in January. In preparation for her arrival, the school council decided to get to know her a little better and ask a few 'key' questions!!

Why did you choose to be here?

I am currently a Headteacher at a very big school, but I wanted to be in a small school where I can get to know all of the children's names. Also, your school is lovely!

Do you have any hobbies?

I like acting, gardening and I have five fish!!

What is your family like?

I have a husband and two children. My daughter is 21 and is away at university. She likes singing and science. My son is 18 and he is also away at

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university. He likes football and history. My Mum lives near me and I see her a lot.

What is your favourite place you have been?

I went to Hawaii with my family a few years ago and it was amazing!

What is your favourite animal?

The sea turtle because when I was in Hawaii, I was swimming and one swam under me. It was beautiful.

Have you worked in a middle school?

I have worked in lots of different kinds of schools. I worked in an infant school, which is a bit like a first school, and then in a special school with children with disabilities. I have also worked in a small primary school which had one class per year group, and at the moment I work in the biggest primary school in Europe!

How many children are in your old school? Is it ten times bigger?

Actually, you are about right. In my old school there are about 1,700 children. There are 8 classes in every year group, but the school is split over two sites. My site has about 900 children.

Have you ever been to South Africa?

No but my Mum has!

Contact

We appreciate your views on how we can improve our roles as governors and can assure you we listen and act in the best interests of the children at the school.

Please feel free to contact us via the School Office on 01494 813201 or by email.