



Tylers Green First School

Governors Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and the summer term brings us all plenty of sunshine. The Governing Board have lots of updates to share this term:

GOVERNOR & STAFF UPDATES

NEW CHAIR: We are excited to announce that we have a new Chair of Governors. Tim Marshall OBE brings a wealth of experience from his roles in broadcasting and digital platforms, education and charities. He was an award-winning producer and director at the BBC, a Senior Vice-President at Disney and CEO of JANET UK. Aside from his charity work, he is also a Corporation Member and Chair of Finance Committee at Bucks College Group. He has two grown-up children and lives in the village with his wife, a retired GP.



LITERACY GOVERNOR: Sam Cartwright also joins us as a governor. She has spent two decades teaching at primary and secondary schools, working in state and private education. One of her children is at Tylers Green First School and the other will be attending next year. Sam will be our Literacy and Wellbeing Governor.

DEPUTY HEAD: We are delighted that Ms Gregory, the school's current Assistant Head has been promoted to the role of Deputy Head of Tylers Green First School. Ms Gregory wears many hats in the school, as a governor and as the lead on Special Educational Needs and was the standout candidate.

GOVERNOR VISITS

School governors offer strategic guidance, approve the budget and help set the school's vision, rather than getting involved in the operational aspects of the school. The governors carry out termly visits, reporting to the Governing Body on progress in areas such as numeracy, literacy, SEN, pupil premium, sport and safeguarding.

This year we have seen the trial introduction of reading records, which is being rolled out to reception pupils, and a new curriculum for the whole school in history, geography, science, art and DT is being introduced from September.

SCHOOL UPDATES

The woodland has been made more accessible for Forest School and the Penn and Tylers Green Resident Association will be funding some native trees for the woodland area.

The playing field is also being revamped. The tyres have been removed and are being replaced with moveable equipment, similar to the items shown here,



which will allow the children to use their creativity. This has been paid for by voluntary contributions from parents and guardians. This contribution is also used to cap school trips to £20.

The governors have approved spending to install a pathway from the playground to the reception classes, along the playing field. This area often gets very muddy and will ensure the route is accessible all year round.

The library flooring is also being replaced, and air conditioning has been installed in all the learning spaces throughout the school, which is having a positive impact on the children's concentration.

A special thank you goes to Mr Webb for his maintenance work around the school. We are very grateful for all the effort he's put into sprucing up the school.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

World Book Day - The TGFS school family never disappoints on this day and it remains one of the most important dates in our school year! This year we dressed up as our favourite book characters and shared stories throughout the day. Mrs Booth shared her new book, Vanessa's Dog Rescue with the children and very kindly donated a copy to our school library. The book fair was well attended and has raised a whopping £255.56 in book vouchers that can be used to enrich the selection of texts in our beautiful library. This year also introduced a selection of 'Masked Readers' to the children. Can you guess who they are? - Answers at the bottom of the newsletter!



Last term, the school held its first coffee morning with parents and guardians of children with special educational needs. This was an opportunity to share information and get together in person. This will be happening again this term.

SCHOOL IN THE COMMUNITY



We are very grateful to the Penn 7 Fun Run organisers for raising money for the school's Rainbow Room this year. The medals will feature a rainbow at the event on Tylers Green Common on June 7th. You can get involved by taking part in the races, in running gear or fancy dress, and it is also a great social event. Please visit the school's stall to get involved in crafts, tuck shop and meet the governors.

VOLUNTEER POLICY Please note there is a new Volunteer Policy on the school's website. This provides information and clarity should you wish to get involved in activities at the school.

Wishing you a wonderful half term,

TGFS Governor

World Book Day answers