



Learning for the Head, Heart and Hand



Dear Parents/Carers/the School Community

We hope this newsletter finds you well and wow, hasn't time flown since I last wrote back in December!

A very warm welcome to all those who have joined the school since the beginning of this year. You will find a very informative section on our website under the Governors tab as to who we are, what we do and all previous newsletters.

We are delighted to announce yet another addition to our Governing Body- Lenny Jeffries, who joins us as a Foundation Governor from the Thornhill Trust. We look forward to his contributions, both with his Foundation hat on and as a non-parent Governor. Lenny will be our new Health and Safety Governor.

Since last writing, Governors have continued to enjoy regular visits to the school to undertake monitoring visits. During one visit to the school, I witnessed first hand a fire drill that took place on a day that Wolfie was in. I was struck in particular by how quickly the children evacuated from the buildings, in an orderly and quiet manner, and how well behaved they (and Wolfie) were! At another monitoring visit, Governors joined the children in the lunch hall and had school dinner with them. It was lovely speaking with the children, and for them to see us and ask questions about our role.

Governors have also met twice for full Governing Body meetings. We were pleased to have been asked to approve some more spend, this time from our Developer's Fund and look forward to seeing all the very exciting changes happening around our school!

The school continues to consult all its stakeholders in respect of any proposed changes. Please do take the time to respond- they don't take long to complete and your voices are extremely important!

Going forward, Governors' focuses this term and next will be on finance (and agreeing the school budget), assessment and data. Both areas are essential to our roles as Governors, providing scrutiny and holding the school to account.

As always, thank you to the children, parents/carers, the Friends and volunteers, the CARE group and Thornhill Trust for their continued support and all the staff, the Senior Leadership Team and Mrs Foster who have worked so hard.

Rachel Chan

On behalf of the Governing Board