



Learning for the Head, Heart and Hand



Dear Parents/ Carers/ School Community

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you, like us, are relieved we are reaching the end of an extremely busy term. As a result, this newsletter will be shorter than usual.

First, a massive welcome to all the new parents and children who have joined us in September and since then. Our past Governor Newsletters are all on the Governor section on the School's website so do take a look!

Once again, governors have been very busy. We have enjoyed regular visits to the school to undertake monitoring visits and continued to meet, holding the school to account and providing lots of challenge to the Senior Leadership Team. On one visit, two of us were taken around the school by the Head Boy and Girl and their Deputies. We were very impressed by their enthusiasm and knowledge. They were a real credit to the school- well done!

Since last writing, our board has experienced some changes.

I am very sad to announce that our safeguarding governor, Hannah Rowe's term of office has now come to an end and therefore, she will be leaving our board. I want to thank Hannah for all her hard work over the years. In particular, her knowledge in safeguarding and contribution on the Headteacher recruitment panel last year have been gratefully received. All the best Hannah and thank you again.

Our outgoing parent governor James Coumbe chose not to continue for another full term as a parent governor but accepted our invitation to become a co-opted governor and we are delighted that we will continue to benefit from his expertise in education.

As a result, I am also delighted to welcome Caroline Hart-Johnson to our number as our newly elected parent governor. More about Caroline and her role in our next newsletter!

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

Finally, I want to say a massive thanks on behalf of the Governors to our wonderful Bob who is retiring. We will miss his good humour, dedication to the children and his willingness to step in whenever needed, including starring as Rudolph in last year's Nativity! Thank you for everything Bob!

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas break.

Rachel Chan

On behalf of the Governing Board