



Governors Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is difficult to believe that we are already approaching half-term – where have the weeks gone? My prevailing memory so far this year was from the first week of term. Miss Kelly took me on a tour of the school and I was able to quickly appreciate the improved class distribution and layout of the classrooms.

The over-riding feeling I took away from the tour was the enthusiasm of the children who were all refreshed from the summer break and keen to get on with their learning. Each class also told me, without exception, that it was great to be back at school and while they liked their new teachers and classrooms, they all wanted me to know that the new playground was amazing. The favourite word was used to describe the new climbing frame was 'awesome'.

This is a real success story for our community. Last year the whole school community pulled together to support the idea, agree the design, raise the funds and then see the project through to its completion. The children love it and while there are too many contributors to thank, I would like especially to thank the Friends led by Claire Brennan for their tremendous fund raising efforts and to Mr and Mrs Crossan for volunteering their professional expertise, their dedication and for being so easy to work with.

I want to extend a welcome to our new families, most of whom have children in reception, but also others who have joined in other classes. I hope that you and your children are settling in and are already beginning to feel part of the school community. I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that Governors hold an annual meeting (AGM) with parents in the Spring Term. This is an opportunity for all parents to ask questions of the Governors in an open forum and we hope that all parents will consider joining us at the AGM to share their ideas and questions.

When the Governors need support on specific projects we will turn to the parent community in search of expertise. From time to time, as the need arises, we will be reaching out to the parent community asking for your help.

Finally, a warm welcome to the new staff; our Deputy head for this Year Mrs O'Melia, our new KS2 Leader Mr Troy, teachers, Mrs Holland and Miss Shatiry and Teaching assistant Mrs Hartnett who joined in September. They have integrated seamlessly into the school and, without exception, are smiling like Cheshire Cats.

Best wishes

Dr Peter Carroll

Chair of Governors

Your school Governors are...

Chair of Governors: Dr Peter Carroll

Vice Chair of Governors: Kevin Omar

Foundation Governors: Gerry Costello – Fr John Dermody – Christine Fleming –

Jane Goring – Lisa Sturley

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Staff Governors: Maureen Kelly – Linda Omelia

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How to contact us.....

If you would like to contact the Chair of Governors please do so in writing, via the school office, addressing the envelope to the Chair of Governors

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