

Notes from the Governors

09.01.2020

There are several things that stood out last term for celebration; the unveiling of the triptych mosaic in the courtyard being one very obvious and visual one. This was the culmination of a project during the summer term when everyone in the school contributed to the development and creation of the project. The children worked with a professional artist to consider their initial ideas, make sketches, collect personal items to place on the mosaic and finally to put the artwork together. The result is a beautiful example of Koinonia —the school community working together to achieve something momentous.

There has been significant progress in EYFS with the development of their Outdoor area which is so important for the outdoor learning part of the Foundation Stage curriculum and the governors thank those parents who have contributed time, skills and materials to support its creation.

The Key Stage 2 Carol Service was a delight to attend, with Mrs Bradley's talented recorder players accompanying many of the carols. There was a range of carols, some more well-known than others, and readers told the Christmas story through a series of Bible passages. A wonderful reminder of the reason for the holiday that has just finished!

Ben Willan, currently co-chair with Hilary Sanderson, has made the decision to stand down from the responsibility of leading the governors, due to increased work pressures. He will remain on the governing body as a parent governor with particular links with the Early Years.

Mrs Alison Harker, a governor for many years, has resigned from the governing body. We thank her for her years of support and service to the school; her enthusiasm in promoting sport for our youngsters will be much missed, together with her professional knowledge of working in industry. Alison was a Local Authority appointed governor and we have been very fortunate to have been offered the services of Mrs Sue Rudge in her place. Sue Rudge is a retired headteacher and an experienced Chair of Governors at Townley Primary School. This experience will be very useful as the governors have elected her as Co-Chair in Ben Willan's place.

The governors hope that staff, children and their parents had a rejuvenating holiday and a very happy Christmas and look forward with anticipation to the new term.