



Governors' Newsletter

January 2017

Message from the Chair

So through the interesting year 2016 has been, the school continues to perform well for all our children. Our data has shown that we do well both in Hackney and in comparison with National data, however with our commitment to be an inclusive, community school and with the Autism Resource Provision, we do face significant challenges against our peers.

Absence is one area that we are aware is more challenging for our school than our peers, and there are a small group who we are investing time in to ensure that attendance improves, so we can ensure every child receives the best start in their educational life, your support in this is most appreciated.

As governors we are looking forward to investing in the democracy of our school to give a real pupil voice, through democracy week, gaining some great prime ministers of Millfields, their cabinets and school council, again this will occur around the same time as the local elections (assuming that there is no national election too).

We have had tight financial management for the last couple of years and it looks likely to continue as we await the new funding formula. I thank Jane, Steffi (and her team) and Hamza for their dedication and attention to manage and plan for this.

I would also like to thank all the children, staff, and supporters who came along to the Christmas concerts, again celebrating British values, in song and with laughter, I note the comments received from parents about the inclusivity warmth and generosity of the local Church that enables our children to perform together given the limited space we have. From what I witnessed, it seemed that everyone enjoyed the experience.

I truly believe, as a Board of Governors, we have supported Jane and her team, to ensure your child enjoys their time with us and receives an excellent start in their educational journey, and that everything we do has enabled everyone connected with the school to love to learn.

On that I end: I hope you had peaceful break with family and friends, and I hope the year ahead is most successful for everyone in Millfields.

Damian

On behalf of the Board of Governors