

## GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

December 2017

### Message from the Chair

As we welcome in the festive season, I would like to extend my warmest Christmas greetings on behalf of all the Millfields' governors. I wish you and your family, a wonderful 2018.

2017 has been an interesting and rewarding journey for Millfields, one where we have continued to strive to deliver excellent teaching and enriching opportunities for all our pupils. So, it is very pleasing that we have finally had our Ofsted visit and that they agreed with our self-assessment that we are a good school, safeguarding is effective, and that many areas are better than good –our leadership and management and commitment to staff development is excellent. It is great to hear this and also lovely to read how many parents would recommend us. We truly hope that we inspire children to develop 'a love to learn', not just in the core subjects but across the wider curriculum. Our Year 6 pupils had stronger results than the national average. We are proud that we are recognised for embracing diversity and inclusion.

Jane continues to promote opportunities to allow our children to enter in local sports competitions and we continue to win prizes in the arts, sports and music. We continue to have had a fabulous democracy focus from the election of the Prime Minister of Millfields, to all the class councillors, and our champions of change. We are proud to be a Rights Respecting School.

You may have noticed, as part of governor succession planning, that I asked for volunteers from the parent and wider community population to join the governors. With the Ofsted Inspection, it has slowed my progress in responding – if you are still interested, please bear with me, as I too, am a volunteer, and am balancing my work life, personal life and school life.

I thank Jane, Steffi and Hamza for their dedication and attention to detail on managing a very tight budget. This will continue to be a focus throughout the year, particularly as consultations on SEND funding looks to recommend cutting our budget further.

I truly hope your child enjoys their school life and that they develop in to a community of people that love to learn. We hope that everything we do has enabled everyone connected with the school to love to learn. On that I end, A Merry Christmas to everyone and I hope the year ahead is most successful for everyone who is part of the Millfields community.

Yours

Damian

On behalf of the Board of Governors

