



Governors' Christmas Newsletter 2024

How does Christmas come round so fast? These last weeks have simply sped by. I'm looking forward to the last few exciting events of the end of term, and hope to see many of you in person before the holidays.

As you know, the school is welcoming a new teacher, Sally Hill, to lead our new Early Years class that starts in January. This is a really big moment for a small school like ours and the governors are delighted that all the hard work and preparation for this expansion are paying off. It won't stop there, either, as some of the space inside school will be reconfigured in 2025 to better suit the shifting needs of the children and staff. All of this takes governor time, discussing the options and looking at the impact on our finances, guided always by Mr Priestley and the staff.

Also in January we say goodbye to Sylvia Evans as governor, and I want to thank her very warmly for all her helpful input since 2021. This means we have Sylvia's place to fill, as well as a second vacancy that we already had on the board. Do you fancy helping out with this key role for the school?

Now, I can hear you saying, 'Sorry, that's not for me....I'm too busy/it's not my kind of thing'. Right?

Well, please think again!

- We're a friendly and well organised bunch

- We provide induction and training
- Yes there's some reading to do for the termly meetings but it's not unduly heavy
- We each take an interest in an area of school activity
- In a small community such as ours, the numbers of folk we can draw on for governors is inevitably limited.

Being a governor means you're ensuring our school does its best for our children at all times. We're so lucky that pupil numbers look to be growing steadily and governors will have plenty to contribute in the next few years.

So, for our two governor vacancies we're especially keen to hear from parents whose children have recently started or will be starting soon in school or preschool. Could that be you?

Please don't assume someone else will volunteer! Without local parents joining the board, our community isn't properly represented and having its say in school matters.

Thank you for reading and do feel free to contact me for a chat if you'd like to know a bit more.

Meantime, all the governors join me in wishing you and your family a very happy holiday break.

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*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*
