



## Governors' Newsletter

### Crosby Ravensworth CE Primary School

December 2023

As I write, the school's Christmas celebrations are fully underway...and there's so much going on! Carols, Scrooge, the Community Lunch....I hope you've been able to join in.

Earlier this term Governors worked closely with staff in redrafting the school's Vision to more accurately reflect the school's particular aspirations – what defines our school. It was a real collaborative effort, led by Mr Priestley and Rev Tudway, and we ended up with a clear and ambitious framing of how we see our school and the education and opportunities we strive to offer all pupils.

The recent Class 2 day-trip to London was a great example of our Vision in action. The main event was a remarkable chance for children to actually stand in the House of Commons and the House of Lords, learning about democracy in action – how the decisions made there affect us all and how we elect our MPs as our representatives.

We visited Tate Modern and saw famous works of art and some quirky ones that made us think. We saw Downing Street, the Oxford Street Christmas lights and so much more! Special thanks go to the Friends for helping out financially.

I was genuinely struck by how friendly and confident Class 2 were with everyone they came across and how they looked out for each other as we dodged the crowds on the streets and on the Tube. I'm often told by staff how well-behaved your children are. To see how they coped with so many new experiences plus the odd glitch (all to



do with transport!) made me extremely proud. They were delightful company, staying cheerful and attentive on a very long day.

Meanwhile our vice-chair of governors, Georgina Griffiths, who has extensive and very much appreciated Early Years and Key Stage 1 experience as a teacher, has recently been in to see Class 1. She was able to observe the children playing with new resources, including a new maths and small world area. It's great to see the energy with which all the staff continuously update the children's environment. Once again, we are very grateful to the Friends for their support in funding.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday season.

*Barbara Wallis*

*Chair, on behalf of all the Governors*