

GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER



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Hello and welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you to the first edition of the Governor Newsletter of this academic term. We will ensure there is one per term. One of the aims of the governing body is to improve communication and links between governors, staff, parents and children. Hopefully this newsletter will meet part of this aim. Through the newsletter we plan to share with you who your governors are, provide information about our school and what our long-term plans for the school are.

Meet your Governors!

The governors of Tavistock Infant School are a small and committed group of busy people who enjoy being part of the school's leadership team. Our role is to support and challenge the school as it works to deliver the best possible educational experience for its children, and strives to adhere to its statutory responsibilities. *Governor profiles are available on the school website.*

Edward Stacey is the Chair with all three of his children having been pupils at the school. He is a qualified solicitor, having recently been appointed the UK senior partner of one of the world's largest law firms. His specialism is employment law with a particular focus on discrimination, diversity and inclusion and contentious issues.



What have we been involved in?

Attendance

Nationally attendance has been very affected by the Pandemic. Whilst attendance is above the national average at 95.1%, there remains a focus on ensuring every child has their full entitlement to education and Governors have learned about the careful tracking in place to identify and support families where absence reaches a persistent level.

Moving to a two form entry

From Sept 2024 school will be a two-form entry infant school. There is evidence from Hampshire County Council that census figures in Fleet are declining. Coupled with budget restrictions, we took the decision to reduce intake to a two-form entry of 60 admissions with September 2024 intake seeing this change come into full fruition.

Pupil Premium (PP)

Pupil premium is additional funding for school to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers. The PP spend can be viewed on the school website. Money is used for things such as clubs, swimming, book bags, ELSA and speech therapy. The Governor's monitor PP spend on a monthly basis.

We Need You!

We are keen to hear from anyone, who is interested in getting involved. Perhaps you have legal or financial experience or are involved in HR or local organisations or businesses? Maybe you're interested in Health & Safety, buildings or the curriculum, or have IT skills? You may have other skills or just want to contribute more to our school community. If you, or anyone you know (doesn't have to be a parent at school!), are interested or have any questions, please contact our Chair on the e-mail address below. We look forward to hearing from you!



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