

Governors' Newsletter

Little Green Junior School

March 2018

Please note in September there will be two vacancies for co-opted Governors, if you know anyone who might be interested please let us know.

Leaving

The process to recruit a new Head Teacher has started. We would like to thank Mrs. Tearle for all the work she has done for Little Green Junior School and we look forward to continuing to work with her until she starts her new job in September.

For those of you whose eldest child is in Year 6 we would like to thank you for being parents at Little Green Junior School. We wish your child a successful transition to their new secondary school.

Parking

Please park safely when dropping off and collecting your children from school. A few parents have been blocking residents' drives and others have parked in residents' parking bays in Manor Way. We need everyone's help to maintain good relations with all our neighbours.

Croxley Danes School

We are expecting the planning permission to be granted this week.

Behaviour Policy

The Governors and staff have recently reviewed Little Green's Behaviour Policy and the new, updated, version can be found on the school's website. The policy describes how the school looks to promote and recognise positive behaviour as well as approaches to managing inappropriate behaviour. Staff have talked to the children about the school's expectations regarding behaviour and the policy is applied by all members of staff, both teaching and support staff.

Boiler breakdown

As Governors we'd like to thank you all for your patience regarding the boiler breakdown that meant Herts Catering were unable to serve hot food for a couple of weeks. As you will know this was due largely to the engineers deployed by Herts Catering Services being unable to source the required part despite the school's best efforts to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

Little Green's budget

You will know from the letter we sent to you last term that Little Green's budget, along with all other schools' budgets, is increasingly tight, putting pressure on our ability to continue to offer the wide variety of educational experiences we aspire to provide for your children. We would, therefore, like to thank parents who have applied for free school meals as this provides the school with valuable additional income, via the Pupil Premium Grant, that all pupils in the school benefit from. If you are still wondering if your child qualifies, please speak to Mrs Hodgart, the school's Business Manager who will be more than happy to help. It is not necessary for your child to actually take free school meals (if your preference is for them to

bring lunch from home) for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding, it is eligibility that entitles the school to receive the grant.

Issues relating to your child or their education

We would like to re-iterate the message that we hope is familiar to all parents and carers of children at Little Green. If there are any issues relating to your child or their education please do not hesitate to speak initially to your child's class teacher who knows your child best. The Senior Leadership team, Mrs Tearle, Mrs Boddy and Miss Sedgwick are also available to parents who would like to speak to them if the concern is not something the class teacher can resolve. There is almost always a Governor presence at school events to which parents are invited; some of these are parent governors, others have experience and skills they are prepared to use for the school's benefit. Should you have questions or comments about the school, please do come and speak to one of us or contact Chris Lloyd, Chair of Governors, via the school office.

Who are the Governors?

We come from the local community and have an interest in making sure the school provides the right environment for our children to learn. We are a dedicated and fully committed Governing Body who give their time and expertise for the benefit of children in the school. All Governors are actively involved in the life of the school and come from a wide circle of the local community.

The current Governing Body comprises:

Four Parent Governors elected by the parents. They are Abby Hickling, Claire Casselton, Gary Crilly (Joint Vice Chair) and Mark Thompson.

One appointed by the Local Education Authority: Chris Lloyd (who is the current Chair of Governors).

Eight Co-opted Governors who are appointed by the Governing Body itself - Ges Carey, John Christy, Marc Kruyer, Margaret Cox (Joint Vice Chair), Mike Wood, Russell Hyde, Sam Mackay and Simon Robson.

Two Teacher Governors. These are Janice Tearle (Head Teacher) and Suzanne Boddy (Assistant Head).

There are also Associate Governors - Charlotte Eastman and Jane Bates who attend Full Governing Body meetings. Three other associate Governors only go the Premises Committee - Gina Thornberry, Graham Andrews and Robert Fitzwilliam.

The Clerk to the Governing Body is Rebecca Harvey.

All Governors have a four-year term of office from their date of appointment or election.

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You can contact Chris Lloyd, Chair of Governors (Chris.lloyd@littlegreen.herts.sch.uk) via the school if you want to know more about the role of a governor or speak to one of the current governors.