



GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2020



WELCOME TO TADLEY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to you all at the start of Autumn Term 2020. It is hard to believe that we have been back for six weeks already. 2020 has certainly been one to remember for many reasons, a little more about that below.

On behalf of the Governors, I hope that you and your children are settling into the new term well. A very special welcome to our new starters in Reception. You may not have seen us at school so much lately but Governor work has been continuing behind the scenes at pace. The team and I really looking forward to working with Mrs Peters and the school staff, as we start a very busy run up to Christmas, as we move into winter.

Yours sincerely,
Mike Warner

Chair of Governors



COVID-19

What a year 2020 has been for all of us. We, the governors would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. We appreciate it has not been easy for any of us, but your commitment and work with the school has been incredible.

Our school quickly mobilised and got started with some on line learning through Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Seesaw. They also provided paper learning for those that needed it. We know they have kept in regular contact with families too.

It is important at this point to extend some sincere thanks to the staff of Tadley Primary School who have worked tirelessly to support the pupils and families of the school. As we move into winter and the Covid-19 plans across the UK change daily, work to support pupils, staff and families will continue.

These have been unprecedented times for us all and we thank you for your support as we navigated this unknown territory together.



WHO ATTENDS GOVERNOR MEETINGS?

Sarah Peters - Headteacher

Mike Warner - Chair of Governors, **Maureen**

Graham - Vice Chair, **Jan Draper** - Governor,

Louise Bleathman - Governor, **Melissa Stroud** -

Governor, **Richard Mackworth-Praed** -

Governor, **Gail Thompson** - Clerk to Governors,

Jo Messenger - Governor, **Kerri Culver** -

Governor and **Steve McKay** - Governor.

See school website and photos in reception.



WHAT DO THE GOVERNORS DO?

The Governing Body has 3 main tasks:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
 2. Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff;
 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent. (Governance Handbook, DfE Oct20)
- We are all volunteers and our job is to make sure your children are safe, happy and taught well. We also ensure the school's finances are sound. We do not get involved in the day to day running of the school; that is the responsibility of Mrs Peters and her staff. We are often described as critical friends. We ask Mrs Peters difficult questions on behalf of you, your children and the Government, whilst supporting her to make the decisions that influence the strategic direction of the school.



HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US

If you would like to contact the Governors you can do so either by letter via the school office or by email: m.warner@tadley.hants.sch.uk
<https://www.tadleyprimary.co.uk/governors/>

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