

Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This has certainly been a very long and busy term and I am sure that everyone is eagerly looking forward to the Christmas break.

First of all, I should like to express my thanks on behalf of the Governors to all the staff for coping so well during Mrs West's unfortunate absence, due to the problems with her eye. Mr Holland has had to take on additional responsibilities, which would normally be dealt with by Mrs West, as well as continuing with much of his teaching and all the staff have rallied round in their usual supportive fashion. We now very much look forward to welcoming Mrs West back in January.

As I am sure you are aware, we achieved Thinking Schools accreditation at the end of last term and we now have the plaque displayed in the entrance. The Thinking tools continue to be used in lessons and we have a Thinking Families Day on a music theme this week. It is certainly wonderful on these occasions to see children in all the year groups working together, collaborating and supporting each other.

We had elections for Parent Governors in November and had 2 nominations for the 2 available posts, Mrs Nada Harding and Mr Robert Wyld. The Governors were delighted to welcome them both to their first meeting on December 3rd and we look forward to them making a positive contribution to the Governing Body. There are now 15 Governors meaning for the first time that I can remember, we have a full complement.

We had our wonderful start to Christmas with the Carol Service at St John's Church On December 13th. I hope that those of you who managed to attend enjoyed the occasion and appreciated the contributions of the choir, the violinists, the recorder players and the readers to the service. Again, I should like to express my thanks to the staff for their efforts in making this such an enjoyable and uplifting occasion.

Governors are trying to be present at school occasions such as parents' consultation evenings and school events, so if you see someone with a Governor lanyard, please feel free to speak to them, as we would like to engage with parents and carers as much as possible.

Finally, I should like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year. I look forward to working with Mrs West, the Senior Leadership Team and all the staff to ensure that 2019 is a happy and successful year for all the children at Oaklands Junior School.

Yours faithfully,

Liz James

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Chair of Governors

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