

Goodrich Governors Newsletter

Goodrich Community Primary School
Summer Term, May 2019

Welcome to the Summer newsletter! It's a busy time during the next few weeks, with SATs and various events to take advantage of the weather (fingers crossed!) The Governors met in March, and here's an update on the key issues we discussed.

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If you have any questions for the Governors, please email goodrichschoolgovernors@gmail.com

Great attendance

We continue to have exceptional attendance. We are proud to report 96.28% from September 2018 (with 1.78% authorised absence and 1.94% unauthorised absence). There are a whopping 211 children with 100% attendance in the Spring term alone! They will all receive a certificate and badge. This takes a lot of hard work from the staff and senior leadership team, and we congratulate all their effort. Strong attendance really makes a difference to the children's outcomes.

Funding

The budget remains one of the main priorities for the school and the Finance Committee continues to explore a range of options. These challenges are facing all schools and so we are not alone in considering how we can maintain a balanced budget over the next few years. Maximising all of the school's resources is something we are analysing hard. This includes promoting lettings for parties, fairs and other events that will generate welcome additional income.

Balanced curriculum

The updated OFSTED framework is focused on schools providing a balanced curriculum, not just focusing solely on maths, literacy, spelling and grammar. To recognise this, the school is in the process of creating an exciting new 'Artefacts' room which we hope will be jammed full of interesting objects that will support the pupils exploration of the world around them. The school will share further details in the upcoming months.

SATs – good luck!

Good luck to all Y2 and Y6 children for their SATs. They have all worked exceptionally hard during the year, both teachers and pupils alike. The results from last year were excellent and we have high expectations for these cohorts so hope that the children can remain relaxed and focused during the next few weeks.

Governing Body

Our focus will always be on getting the right people around the table to make sure that the Governing Body can successfully implement the school strategy. On the back of our call out for new governors in the last Governors newsletter, we have appointed two new Governors – Mark Rahim and Eleanor Fawcett. They offer great experience in their respective fields and will be particularly helpful in advising on some of the maintenance issues facing a large Victorian school such as Goodrich.

We are still looking for new Governors who have experience in **education** and **fundraising**, so **please drop us an email if you are interested**. It's a fulfilling role both professionally and personally, and the opportunity to help guide the school is immensely rewarding.

There have been some other changes to the Governing Body. Richard Cottrell resigned as Chair. He has offered great energy, knowledge and leadership to the role over the last few years and so we thank him for his tremendous service – as a Parent, Governor and Chair. Ryan Sales has been elected as his successor. He has been a parent governor for the past four years, and is an owner and director of a design and communications agency. Ryan looks forward to working closely with the senior leadership team, staff and fellow governors in helping the school and children reach their full potential.



Outgoing Chair,
Richard Cottrell



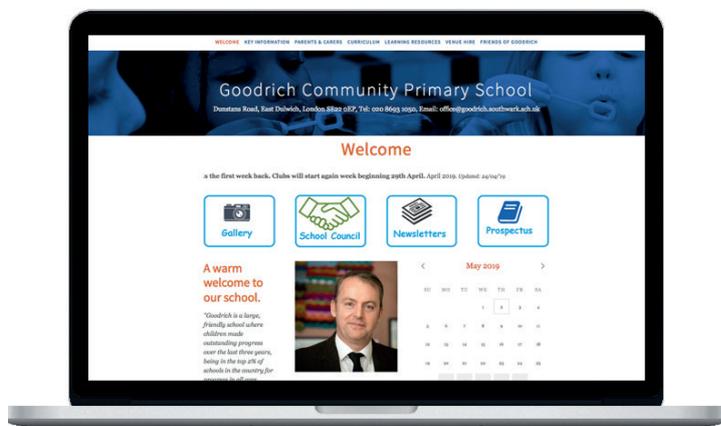
Incoming Chair,
Ryan Sales

We are a proud community school!

Goodrich is proud to be an inclusive community school, embracing children of all cultures, background and faiths. This is reflected in our teaching and curriculum. The Governors hope that parents, carers and children, from whatever background, are able to be actively involved in all of the events and workshops that the school and FOG organise.

Updated website

You may have noticed that the website is being updated with lots of new content, including details on school staff, clubs and learning resources for each year group. The school will be sending out a leaflet at the beginning the next Autumn term, but in the meantime take a look around, and let us know your feedback!



Don't forget you can hire the school for an event!

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The school has many great spaces available to hire over the weekend, holidays and evenings. We have great facilities as you all know. So whether it's for a birthday celebration, special event, sport party on our all weather pitch, or using our conference facilities and meeting rooms, Goodrich is great value! See Joyce in the Office for a copy of the brochure.