

Governors' Newsletter



Autumn Term 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe that we are already coming to the end of the first term of this academic year.

I am writing on behalf of the school's governing body. You can find more details about us and what we do on the school's website.

As governors we work together to support the school's senior leadership team and the rest of the staff in their work to achieve the highest level of teaching and learning throughout the school. We are extremely grateful for the hard work and commitment of the teaching and non-teaching staff who have ensured that the school is continuing to improve both academically but also in developing the wider experiences available for our children. The new Ofsted framework asks schools to focus on the children's wider development. This is an area that we already were focusing on and we believe that the school is well placed to meet this new requirement.

However, at Alexandra we are not immune from the financial pressures facing schools. We have had to make some difficult decisions and we want to thank all the parents and carers who have helped support the school during this difficult process.

We are also mindful that many of our families are experiencing difficulties in these very uncertain times. As a school community I hope that we are all here to support each other, and the governors and staff are always considering what we can do to help. We are currently carefully looking at the school's vision and values and will shortly be consulting with parents and carers as well as the children to ensure that we are working towards goals that we all share. We will also shortly be sending you a parental survey. We hope that as many of you as possible will complete this and return it to us so that we know what you and your family feel about the school and what we should be doing to make things even better.

We would also very much like to develop role of the Friends of Alexandra within the school so that this can become a vibrant and exciting parent led organisation. You will probably know that the school has started working with the Felix Project, making food available for anyone who needs this. It would be fantastic if the Friends of Alexandra could help organise this and help the school with similar initiatives as well as continuing and growing the extremely successful and enjoyable fundraising and community events that take place throughout the year. If you feel that you are able to give some of your time and energy to helping please contact our vice-chair of governors Katie Tucker on katiegoulvent@gmail.com or via the school office. Everyone is welcome and any support is appreciated.

As we are now approaching the last weeks of term we hope that you will be able to attend the various festive celebrations that will be taking place at school. There will be Governors attending most of the events as we greatly enjoy watching the amazing performances of our children. Please introduce yourselves to us if you wish to discuss anything or contact us on cschloss@alexprimary.haringey.sch.uk or via the school office.

We take this opportunity of wishing you and your children an enjoyable and successful new year.

Best wishes

Caroline Schloss
Chair of Governors

Selection of events at and achievements by the school this term

- National Poets' day including visit from Neal Zetter
- School Trips:
 - Y6 Residential
 - Museum visits including the Natural History and Design Museums
 - Pantomimes
- New climbing wall
- Felix Project
- Black History Month
- Music trip to perform at the Royal Albert Hall
- International Evening- raised £300
- Anti-bullying week
- Class assemblies
- Awarded Judicium School Safety Award
- Skills Builder Hub
- Enabling Enterprise
- Performances by music and dance clubs

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