



Griffe Field's Governing Body

Information that may be of interest to our school community.

What we do

Governors are responsible for supporting the leadership of the school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. We contribute to the effective running of the school, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers - allowing them more time to spend on their core business of providing an outstanding education.

Being a school governor is a commitment to attend governing body meetings which consider issues such as setting the school vision, mitigating financial risk and scrutinising educational outcomes. We enjoy being involved in the school community and acting as critical friends to Mrs Mitchell and senior leaders.

We bring a wide range of skills and expertise from our professional lives to the governing board and the schools benefit from our knowledge of business, finance, management and education.

How we work

Full Governing Body meetings are normally held once a half-term and whilst there are many important aspects of the role, the most important is the business that takes place at these meetings. An agenda is set in advance and there is usually preparation work needed for this, such as scrutinising performance data, preparing budgetary reports and reviewing policies.

In addition to the full governing body meetings we have two statutory committees. We are all members of one or both committees – Teaching & Learning or Business & Management, we report our in depth work back to the full governing body. This ensures all governors are kept informed of matters and working progress.

We are responsible for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of a school and its curriculum. School visits help us understand more about the learning and the reality of school life. Our visits are not a form of inspection (that's OfSTED's job), but serve as a clear monitoring function on the implementation of the school's development priorities.

We work together to provide independent oversight of the management and operation of the school, with the aim of continually improving the quality of education and raising standards for all. A school's governing body does not run the school on a day-to-day basis; this is the job of Mrs Mitchell and other senior staff.



The 'Lost Property Mountain' grows and grows! Please ensure that all items are named, **absolutely everything**, we do try to reunite items with their owners. All 'left' lost property will be disposed of at the end of each half term.

Outdoor learning in Reception and Nursery continues, even in the cold weather, please send children with named hats, scarves, mittens/gloves. Thank you.



THE NEXT FULL FOG MEETING will be at 7pm on Monday 9th March when we will be planning our next events for the year. We love to see new faces so please do come along and find out more. Our PTA work so very hard to organise events for our school community.

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS & PARENTS
THE PTA NEEDS YOU



OUR SCHOOL NEIGHBOURS ARE INCREDIBLY PATIENT. It must however be so, so frustrating to be unable to get onto or off your own drive because of inconsiderate parking three times a day! Mornings, after school and at lunchtime too! School staff do need to enter and exit the car park at lunchtimes and haven't been able to because of bad parking. Please, parents, you wouldn't like this yourself – please do your bit towards keeping our good relationship with our neighbours. Also, illegal parking outside of school (on a daily basis) is putting children in DANGER! Please park and walk! Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

'Family Assemblies' are held at 9.05am every Friday. Families and Friends of the school are always welcome. Presentations, such as Merit Awards, are made at Family Assemblies.

Fri 28th Feb	Spring Disco– thank you FOG
Wed 4th March	Parents' Evening
Thurs 5th March	Parents' Evening
Mon 9th March	FOG meeting 7pm—all welcome
Fri 13th March	5HW Class Assembly
Mon 16th March	INSET-school closed to children
Fri 20th March	2SR Class Assembly
Tues 24th March	RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) meeting <u>for parents only</u>
Wed 25th March	Class photos
Thurs 26th March	Class photos
Fri 27th March	3HM class assembly POSTPONED
Thurs 2nd April	Easter family event 6pm (thank you FOG)
Fri 3rd April	Year 1 Easter Assembly
Fri 3rd April	School breaks up for the Easter holiday (at the normal time)
Mon 20th April	Summer term starts
Fri 24th April	Vaisakhi Assembly



We are currently trying to 'do our bit' for the environment. We are running two recycling schemes in school.

- 1– toothbrushes, toothpaste boxes and empty toothpaste tubes
- 2– pairs of reusable shoes.

We have collection boxes outside Mr Uttley's classroom and the children have learnt about the two recycling schemes in assembly.



Piano Lessons

Mrs Marubbi our piano teacher has a few places available for Y2—Y6 students. If you are interested please contact her directly on 07966367767.



Griffe Field Holiday Club

Our holiday club, run by our own sports coach, just for Griffe Field pupils was a great success at half term. We will be running the following holiday clubs during the rest of this academic year.



May half term Tues 26th—Fri 29th May (Monday is a bank holiday)
Summer Mon 27th – Fri 31st July (whole week)
Mon 3rd Aug– Fri 7th Aug (whole week)

