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Already we are nearing the end of the Autumn Term 2014 and before we know it, school will re-open for the Spring Term! 2015 promises to be yet another year of challenges and progress.



Rosebank now has 47 pupils on roll. We have 5 pupils in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), 15 pupils in Key Stage 1 (KS1) and 27 pupils in Key Stage 2 (KS2). 13 new pupils started in September: 4 in EYFS, 5 in KS1 and 4 in KS2. All the pupils are settling well and are starting to take up the opportunities the curriculum at Rosebank has to offer. They are all responding positively to the structure, routines and strategies that underpin Rosebank's philosophy.

The Governing Body at Rosebank is planning to reconstitute in March 2015 in line with government legislation. We have taken this opportunity to have a look at our vision for Rosebank and our skills as governors, to enable us to reconstitute into a strong and forward-looking Governing Body. Our planned new constitution will be similar in size and make-up as the present one, that is: one Local Authority Governor, two Parent Governors, three Staff Governors (Headteacher, Teacher representative, Support Staff representative) and four Co-opted Governors. We will have ten governors in total.



Vacancy

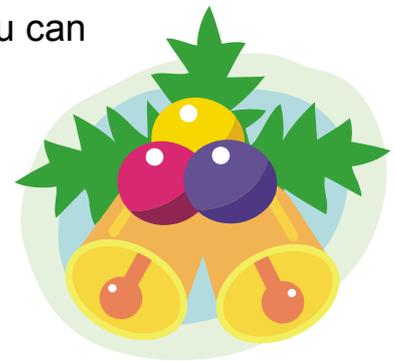
Once the reconstitution is complete, we will have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor. Looking at the skills present governors have, we identified that the vacancy needs to be filled by someone with business/financial skills and an interest in autism/willingness to learn about autism would really be of benefit. Any parent with appropriate skills is welcome to apply ~ if you are interested, please contact Jane Nicholls, Clerk to the Governing Body, at school for further information.

At some point during the Spring or Summer Term we are expecting a visit from OFSTED. Part of the Governing Body's role is to 'support and challenge' the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team and contribute to the School Development Plan. This term the Governing Body has undertaken some training about "Meeting the Lead Inspector" in preparation for the inspection.



The training showed us the importance of governors having a good working knowledge of how the school is operating, how pupils are performing and what could be done to support the school in driving up standards across the board. Governors are encouraged to take an active part and interest in the school and its pupils, both in the present and in planning for the future.

Throughout the school year there are many events that parents, family, carers and friends are encouraged to attend. In the run-up to Christmas there are many such opportunities. It is hoped that there will be governor representation at these events. If you have any comments or concerns please approach governors to discuss. You can always contact governors via school or their details are on the school web site.



Once again the Governing Body would like to thank staff, pupils, parents, carers and friends for all their efforts that make Rosebank into a happy, successful school for pupils with autism.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a successful 2015.

Ann White (Chair of Governors)