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The weather is still relatively mild but the end of term and Christmas will soon be upon us. Once again the Autumn Term seems to have flown but on reflection so many things have happened.

The school year has got off to an excellent start. Staff and pupils have settled in well and are working hard. Pupils are enjoying the curriculum and the wide variety of additional activities offered during the school day and at the 'After School Club'.

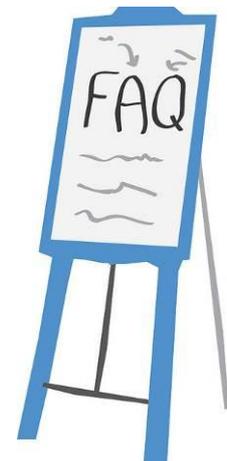


The Governing Body has also been very active. At the start of December we said 'goodbye' to Mrs Joanne Moores who had served for a number of years as a Parent Governor. Jo was Chairperson for the Finance & Premises and Pay Review Committees as well as Governor for Health and Safety. Her experience and expertise in finance was particularly appreciated by fellow governors when it came to understanding the budget. We wish Jo good luck in her future ventures.



The Governing Body now has Tamara Downes, Parent Governor taking on the role of Governor for Health and Safety, and we welcome Michelle Palmer as a new Parent Governor to replace Jo. Michelle's term of office started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December and we look forward to welcoming her to our first Full Governing Body meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

In recent weeks the Full Governing Body (FGB) undertook to complete Level One of the Governor Accreditation Programme (GAP) – designed to be a competency framework for school governors. I think I speak on behalf of all the governors when I say it was interesting and somewhat challenging, especially when we were asked to complete a series of questions and tasks that then had to be handed in, to be marked! We have yet to get our marks back!



The course covered DfE expectations for governance and those for OFSTED evaluation criteria. Rosebank is still waiting for 'the call' from OFSTED to say they will be coming into school next day to carry out their inspection.

All staff are really well prepared to show inspectors the high standard of teaching and learning that goes on every day. Hopefully the governors will be able to display their knowledge and confidence in all aspects of Rosebank's life in school too.



The members of the Governing Body would like to congratulate Jude McGuinness on her success in getting the Headship at Dee Banks School in Chester. Our loss is their gain. We all wish her well in her new school.

I'm pleased to say Jude is with us until the end of this academic year (July 2016). That will give the Governing Body time to appoint a new Headteacher for September. We have started the process and hope to advertise both before and after the Christmas break in the hope that suitable candidates will have time to see the advert and decide to apply.

Parent representatives will be involved throughout the process. The Governing Body will only appoint a new Headteacher that they feel will be the right person to sustain the high standards already achieved and able to share a vision as to where they see the school can develop and improve.

Over the next few weeks there are a number of special Christmas events and activities planned in school and it is hoped that families, friends and governors attend as many as possible.



Finally on behalf of all governors I would like to wish everyone associated with Rosebank School a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2016.

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