



As Governors of IMPS, we would like to welcome all of the new children (and their parents and carers) who have joined our foundation stage classes and various other year groups.

Welcome Mrs Atkinson

We would like to welcome our new Head Teacher Mrs Atkinson to Ingleby Mill.

As Governors we need to know our school, so we will be supporting Mrs Atkinson as she settles into her role at IMPS. We do this through visits to see the school in action, we check that the school is implementing the policies and improvement plans we sign off, and see for ourselves how the vision and plans for the school are working in practice.

Busy Summer for our Caretakers

Our Site Staff had another very busy summer painting all of the exterior of school. School is looking immaculate, as always, and I am sure you would like to join me in thanking Mr Morgan and Mr Carter for all of their hard work around school. They are both keeping fit putting up and taking our stage ready for the many Christmas performances and activities that will be taking place around school during the coming weeks.



What have Governors done recently?

Governors can regularly be seen in school taking part in the following activities:

- Book Looks- we worked alongside teachers and members of the Local Authority. We do this to ensure children make good progress in their learning and to ensure that school policies are being applied consistently.
- Learning Walks – we spend a short amount of time in each classroom looking at how children learn and how teachers teach.
- Congratulated and challenged the school about outcomes at the end of 2015/2016.
- Monitored spending against the agreed budget, including agreeing to buy a further set of iPads. The children are also benefitting from the purchase of additional online resources such as Marvellous Me.
- Managed the performance of all staff in school, including setting objectives for the Head Teacher for the coming year.



- Appointing our new Headteacher and supported the appointment of our new Teaching Assistant Apprentices and Higher Level Teaching Assistants.

Fundraising

With the fantastic generosity of our school Community, your children are able to enjoy free transport again this academic year on all of the educational visits. This saves parents/carers, on average, £10 per child per trip as travel costs can be very expensive. Please continue to support school in the various fundraising activities by coming along to events and spending your money.

Welcome New Governors

We would like to welcome 4 new Governors to school during this last year. You can see more about them by visiting our school website www.inglebymill.org.uk and looking at the Governors' Biographies.

We would like to thank John Fraser, Michelle Fryer, Linda Macfarlane and Michael Reid, whose terms of office ended recently, for all of the hard work and commitment they showed to our school. We welcome 3 new Parent Governors – Brian Wilson, Karen Chohan, Martin Williamson – and Mrs Dohring is joining us as our Staff Governor.

Governors' Ofsted Training

All Governors recently attended Ofsted training delivered by the Local Authority. Governors regularly attend training to ensure we can support school in the best ways possible.

Christmas at Ingleby Mill

School will be very busy over the coming weeks with lots of wonderful Christmas performances taking place. We hope you manage to find the time to come and enjoy the activities that are taking place in December. Our staff and children work very hard to make this a special time for all of our children in school.

Facebook

School now has a Facebook page – this is a great way to see what is happening in school. Please like our page and follow us to keep up to date with our events and news.



How you can help us

We are keen to keep you informed about the work that governors do as well as developments in the school. We would love to hear from you if you have any thoughts or ideas on how the school could improve, reduce costs or generate more income. You can email us using the school email which is inglebymill.school@stockton.gov.uk

On behalf of our Governing Body, I would like to thank you for your continued support – it is greatly appreciated. Our school is a success due to the dedication and commitment of our children, parents and staff.

Steve Watson
Chair of Governors