



Autumn 2 news from Melissa



Dear all,

What a busy half term it has been! Our festive celebrations have been an absolute delight and it has been wonderful to see so many of you join us for them.

Our amazing choir has been very busy this half term and we are very happy that we are able to get back out in the community to share our fabulous performances. The choir performed at The Whitgift Centre, helping to raise money for St Christopher's Hospice and brightened up the day for residents at a local care home. We are all very proud of how beautifully they have performed and how well they have represented Red Gates.



We have been working very hard this term to support our children to learn about their emotions and how to begin to self regulate. We are all very proud of how well the children are doing with this. We have a parent session on the 20th February to show you what we are doing and how you can use Zones of Regulation with your child at home.



This year we had our very first Winter Wonderland where children and their families were able to create some Christmas crafts together in a relaxed and supportive environment. We have had some lovely feedback from you all about the day so will definitely be one that we add to our calendar.



The children loved visiting Father Christmas in his special grotto last week, they were all very happy with the presents they received.



As always if you have any feedback or would like to discuss anything further please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break.





Hello from Red Gates Governors

We are a relatively new governing body, set up last May, and so have spent our time since then getting to know the school and developing our understanding of Red Gates as a community.

We are very pleased to have been able to appoint Melissa as our permanent Headteacher and together with Vicky our now permanent Deputy Head, we are sure that Red Gates will go from strength to strength

Our role is to act as 'critical friends' and make strategic decisions as a group, whilst the operational management of the school remains the responsibility of the school leadership team.

The composition of our governing body is 1 Local Authority governor, the head teacher, 1 staff governor, 2 parent governors (1 vacancy) and 8 co-opted governors (2 vacancies).

We meet twice a term, all together, and in between those meetings, we have working groups of governors to look at different topics. That has included writing a Policy and a Package for the Induction of new governors

We regularly review the school budget, working closely with Melissa to ensure that money is being spent wisely and for the good of the children. In addition, one of our governors acts as our Finance governor and has regular meetings with the school Business Manager.

Other governors make individual visits to the school to review the impact of different aspects of the School Development Plan

Training for all governors is very important, and each term we have a Governor Engagement morning where we visit together to learn more about the curriculum at Red Gates and to visit classes to see the curriculum in action. We also undertake individual training based on our governor experience, and training all together on topics like "effective governance".

We were delighted to read the Inclusion Quality Mark Report this term which highlighted the excellent work at the school.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas production and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and 2024!

Dates for your diary Spring 2024

Date	Time	Event	Open to
Thursday 11 th January	10am	Parent workshop: Supporting phonics, using the Little Wandle phonic scheme	Invites will be sent to parents of children working at this level
Wednesday 24 th January	10:45am	Friends of Red Gates coffee morning	All families
Weeks beginning: 29 th Jan, 5 th Feb, 19 th Feb, 26 th Feb	Teachers will let you know your date and time soon.	Personalised Plan meetings with class teachers	All families
Tuesday 20 th February	10am	Parent workshop: Zones of Regulation – How to support your child to regulate their behavior	All families
Friday 8 th March	10am	Parent workshop: Supporting Maths development	All families
Weeks beginning 4 th March and 11 th March	Teachers will let you know your date and time soon.	Parent visits to classes	All families
Friday 22 nd March	10am -12pm	We Are Red Gates Festival	All families