

# End of term Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Autumn Term has been the usual whirlwind of activity, but it has been particularly exciting this year. New faces and new ideas have added to the rich pattern of school life. Mr Cotterill's passion and enthusiasm has provided new leadership, as well as new perspectives on our school, and we sincerely thank him for all of his efforts during his short time with us. Thank you to everyone for being so welcoming to Mr Cotterill as he creates a new chapter for New Scotland Hill.

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Dee Guest, who has been appointed as a Co-Opted Governor. Along with the rest of the governing body we are working hard with the new head to ensure the core functions of governance are being met, namely;

- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent;
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

I would like to offer my personal thanks to all the Governors for their voluntary time, dedication and contribution to the school.

Once again the PTA hosted a busy Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 7th December with a very important visitor - Father Christmas! The children really enjoyed meeting him in his grotto and visiting the many other stalls and games that were there. Not only was the fair a hugely successful fund-raising event but it was a great opportunity to come together as a school/local community and enjoy ourselves.

Thank you to the PTA and volunteers for their hard work and commitment and to you too for supporting our events so enthusiastically.

Finally a big thank you to all the staff for their support and dedication to this school and towards the best outcomes for your children.

On behalf of all Governors, I would like to wish you a peaceful holiday and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2020!

Darren Abbott  
New Scotland Hill Primary School Chair of Governors