

## Governors' Newsletter – February 2015

Dear Parents,

The first governors' newsletter of 2015 has contributions from Steve Bower (premises and security) and Mark Cooper (parent governor)

It has been a real pleasure when visiting school to see the pleasure your children are deriving from the interesting teaching and learning activities their teachers have planned for them.

### **170 Roehampton Lane – Steve Bower**

Building is now under way at full speed at our new school at Roehampton. Contractors Galliford Try are stripping out Hartfield House, ready to decorate and equip classrooms for our current children who will become Year 2 and Year 1 in September.

In the garden area, Galliford Try's crane is due on-site to start the retaining wall for our two new reception classrooms and the school hall and studio above them. The kitchen and facilities are also part of this phase of construction. We will have all the space we need to open the school for the planned classes in September.

The main new classroom block, now visible from the main road as a hole in the ground, will follow on. New works for this block will start when demolition and painstaking removal of services in the ground is complete. Kate Baum, Shirley Lee, Chair of Governors, and Steve Bower, the governor leading on premises, continue the fortnightly meetings with the builders. We are making sure they stick to the programme and deliver a superb school. The details will be exactly right for children and teachers to have the best possible learning and teaching spaces.

**Security:** We would like to reassure you that the staff and governors of Mosaic Jewish Primary School take the security of your children and all the users of the school's premises, extremely seriously. We have our own security guard on patrol. We take expert advice from the CST (Community Security Trust) which advises Jewish organisations about security matters. CST in turn, liaise with the police and government. These are difficult times but CST has reassured us, that there is no suggestion that there is any information relating to an imminent attack upon British Jews or premises associated with the Jewish faith.

### **An update from our parent governor:**

**Mark Cooper** 2015 is upon us and I find myself well in to my second year as parent governor. It continues to be a wonderful and rewarding experience working with a truly dedicated governing body and the fantastic, hard working staff of the school who have achieved so much in such a short time. As we look ahead to the move Roehampton later this year, I am sure like many of you as parents and carers of the amazing pupils of Mosaic, I am filled with excitement but I am also aware

we still have much to do as we mature as a school. We kicked off the Parent Forum last term which brings together representatives from the governing body, the school staff and parents and carers via your class reps. If you have any questions about the forum or you would like to raise an issue or put forward an idea, please reach out to me or your class rep. We meet once a term. I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming half-term break and please don't hesitate to drop me a line if I can be of assistance [mark.cooper@mjps.org.uk](mailto:mark.cooper@mjps.org.uk)

Governors are often in school, visiting classrooms to help us understand well what your children are learning about and how they are progressing, attending meetings, events, workshops and very often developing plans with the head teacher for the next steps in creating a superb school for all our children. I know many of you look out for the 'How well do you know our school' question in the weekly newsletter this term but do please visit the governance section of the web-site [www.mjps.org.uk](http://www.mjps.org.uk) and see what we have been discussing at our committee meetings and Governing Body meetings.

### **Parents' update meeting**

You will have received an invitation to attend a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> February – next Tuesday at 7pm. Please confirm your attendance with the office.

It's an exciting time for us all. Thank you for your continuing interest and support.

Shirley Lee  
Chair of MJPS Governing Body