

Rosemary Lane Nursery School

Governors Newsletter



We have had a wonderful return to school this year, you will see lots of changes to the areas of provision when you visit. All children have been welcomed and settled into school and our routines excellently.

As Governors we have felt very detached from school during COVID but we are now back in school and spent a lovely afternoon browsing around the Nursery and finding out about the provision in the environment for our children (and we had a little play). We take our responsibilities very seriously and will continue to work hard and strive to maintain Rosemary Lane Nursery Schools OUTSTANDING status.

We are looking for two new Governors to join our team and this newsletter will hopefully share some insight into what it means to be a Governor at Rosemary Lane Nursery—we would like to welcome a new parent Governor and a Co-opted Governor (independent). If you are interested or you know someone who might be interested please contact us for information.

Angela Surtees - Chair of Governors

Being a Governor can be a very rewarding opportunity.

You get to see our school close up and become part of a great team. There are a few challenges as we have to be critical friends and we do have to spend some time sat round the table discussing key items required for our school. These are things like ensuring our policies are updated, our budget is scrutinised and we are not overspending, we also look at what our children have been doing in school (this is our favourite bit) and how our school staff have been engaging with our children. Governors spend time in Nursery with the staff and children as much as we possibly can, spending time with our children and engaging with them is an integral part of being a Governor, we pride ourselves on being part of the school environment.

We are a strong team of ten volunteers made up of staff, parents, independent co-opted members and the local authority. We have three core functions - 1. Planning the strategic direction of the school, 2. Overseeing the financial performance and ensuring the budget is well spent, and 3. Holding the Headteacher to account. We also ensure the wellbeing of our staff and support them to ensure delivery of excellent educational play opportunities to our children.

We all work together and support each other, learn together and take time out being involved in the everyday part of school.

Come and find out what we do and think about joining our team !

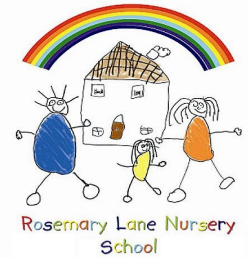


Our Autumn Term Learning & Monitoring Walk

The Governing Body spent a few hours in school last week completing a learning walk. As parents you will have been told that the Early Years curriculum has changed and our school has developed new ways of working, learning, assessing and delivering educational play for your children and we needed to understand too.

We also looked at our School Evaluation Framework and the School Improvement Plan, agreeing targets and deciding which ones we would take responsibility for monitoring through the next year.

As you can see from our photos we had a great time doing health & safety inspections of the sand pits, spades and climbing frame, followed by checking our the play zones, reading books, the new calming indoor play zones and light box. It was unfortunate that the children weren't around to show us how to play and learn.



Central to everything we do is
Rosemary Lane Nursery School
Your children and our staff



NOTICE

We are looking for new Governors to join our team - a Parent Governor and a Co-opted Governor.

We are looking for individuals who will share our vision *"we strive to create a happy atmosphere, where learning for all children is fun. Children are challenged to reach their full potential by developing their creative thinking and being encouraged to follow their own interests and enthusiasms; alongside informed, caring staff, who work in partnership with parents, encouraging them to take an active part in their child's learning"* and become a critical friend to the development of our School.

If you are interested in finding out more about being a Governor for Rosemary Lane Nursery School (or know someone who may be interested) please get in touch through the School Office for an informal chat or you can email COG1038@durhamlearning.net

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