## **GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER**

With Christmas fast approaching and so much to do at the end of the term, the governors wanted to reflect on what has happened over this half term.

## Farewell and Welcome

There have been a couple of changes to the governing body. We said goodbye to Ross Holloway, our Vice Chair. He had been a governor at the school for 11 years so we would like to extend our thanks to Ross for all the support, guidance and contributions that he has made over such a long time. Being a governor means giving up a lot of time for the school and Ross will be missed. As such, a new Vice Chair was voted in, Elizabeth Blake, who is already a Trust Governor with a child in Yr 6.

At our full governing body meeting on Weds 9 Dec we welcomed a new parent governor - Lisa Fiveash - who has children in Yr 4 and Reception.

## Open Week

We held a Governors Open Week last month with the focus on spelling as this was an area that had been highlighted in the Ofsted report. It involved governors coming into the school over that week to monitor classrooms and talk to the children about spelling. We are planning to continue with this topic with another open week next term to gather more evidence.

## Christmas Performances and Christmas Raffle

Children are gearing up for the Christmas performances which we are sure will be well attended. Thanks in advance to the PTA for organising the Christmas raffle that takes place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm. There are many brilliant prizes to be won so make sure you buy some raffle tickets. Many local businesses have again been generous this year and donated prizes including Southwick Square Meats, the Co-op, Koh Koh, Plaice in the Square, Garden of Eden, WHSmith, Bubbles and Kamson's Pharmacy.

Merry Christmas from all the governors at Eastbrook Primary Academy.