

PANSHANGER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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It feels strange to be overly excited about a normal year, but after the setbacks and restrictions of the last two years, it has been most welcome. The return of assemblies, buddy groups, whole school activities etc. that were simply impossible for a couple of years have resumed. Let us hope the word 'bubbles' will only ever be used for bath time from now on!

As the academic year draws to a close, the governors like to give some shout outs, thanks and tributes for the key contributors of our school community.

Firstly, our thanks go to the tremendous PTA for all their hard efforts, laying on a wide variety of enjoyable fund raising events that all provide the extraordinary additional resources the school has – and which are the envy of many other schools. Their fund raising has secured simply eye watering sums, and we are hugely grateful to you all who have made this happen. No amount of additional help is too small, and we would urge all parents to lend a hand wherever possible. And if not, continue to support fundraising events.

It was with huge sadness over the Christmas period that we learned of the passing of Mike Larkins, the Chair of governors. Mike had a long-standing association with Panshanger Primary and adored the school, the staff and the children. He is succeeded by Liz Davidson, who shares all the passion and enthusiasm for the school that Mike displayed.

It's wonderful to see that Panshanger is doing its bit for the environment and for the planet with the installation of the solar panels. Particular thanks go to Keith Handley on the governing body for his dogged pursuit of finding a provider and refusal to allow obstacles to get in the way. We hope everyone will feel rightly proud of how our school is putting our green ambitions into practise. This demonstrates what a significant impact you can make towards the school by participating in the PTA or joining the board of governors. We have vacancies currently and would urge all parents or people from the wider community to come on board and help our thriving school even more.

Of course, we could not let this opportunity pass to thank all the wonderful Panshanger staff for their continued hard work and passion they display on a daily basis. They are an incredibly supportive group who overcome all manner of stresses and hardships and rally to the task of providing a first-class education for our children. You do us all proud!

And finally, we always like to direct a personal message towards our departing Year 6 children. As you swap your jade and blue uniforms for all manner of smart blazers and ties, remember fondly your time with us – as we fondly remember you. We know that many of our former pupils love to drop in and see us from time to time. All your teachers will be just as keen to hear of your progress after you have left us, so don't be strangers. And more importantly, carry on all the exemplary behaviours you learned here, and which attract high praise from everyone you encounter.

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