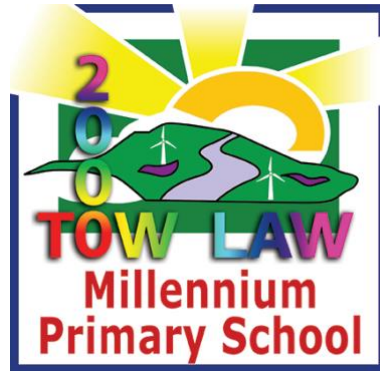


Tow Law Millennium Primary School



Governor Newsletter

Spring 2022

30 Hours is back from January!

We are offering our current Nursery children 30 hours provision from 5th January 2022.

Provision will be 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday and for our 15-hour provision we will continue to offer morning provision 9am - 12 noon.

Raffle

We would appreciate any donations for an upcoming raffle, and also baskets to create hampers. If you have anything you would like to donate, please just hand them into School. All funds raised will go towards an outdoors play frame for the Nursery. Information on purchasing tickets will soon follow.

Uniform

The uniform policy is on the website, can we remind parents that skirts should be knee length. We have a number of items of uniform that have been donated. If anyone would like us to have a look through for anything for their child please give the office a ring and we will have a look.

We also have a fund that we can access if you are struggling to get a winter coat, a pair of shoes and hats and gloves.



Sorry you are leaving



Kathleen Williams our caretaker is retiring. She is well known throughout the whole of Tow Law and has been a dedicated member of staff for 37 years, this is an amazing achievement. She has seen so many changes over the years, including a new school building and her commitment to the school has never wavered. We have all enjoyed Kathleen's many stories about her time at the school and know that life will be very different at Tow Law Millennium Primary School without her. We wish her all the very best in her retirement and a life of happiness without leaves and glitter.



Miss Heppell has come to the end of her apprenticeship with us and left before the Christmas break. We wish her every success as she takes up her new job.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Mr. G Evans to the post of caretaker/handyperson. At the end of the month, when Kathleen retires, he takes up post. He is very experienced and we are confident will be a welcomed addition to the team.



Mrs. Boulton has now started her maternity leave and on Boxing Day gave birth to a beautiful daughter little Evie. Both Mother and daughter are doing very well. During this time Mrs. A Wessels will be covering in class.

We also Have a New Apprentice

Miss. J Gibson has joined us as a Business Administration Apprentice, and will be working in the office. Many of you may have already spoken to her when you have rung the school.

Meet Our Governors



**Head Teacher
Lisa Jackson**

Lisa has over 30 years' experience of working in schools, with the last 20 being Head Teacher at Tow Law Millennium Primary School. She is passionate about enabling and empowering children to fulfil their potential.



**Chair of Governors
Lisa Croft**

Lisa is a teaching assistant and mother who is passionate about working with children and doing what is best for them. Her knowledge on the current curriculum is essential as she is a voice for parents.



Nicola Mawson

Nicola is a Class Teacher at Tow Law Millennium Primary School and is also second in charge. She is passionate about helping children achieve their potential through education.



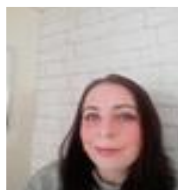
John Hart

John has been part of the Governing Body since 2013. He is a Governance Manager for a Regional Combined Authority and with this, he makes sure the correct systems are in place to make strategic decisions.



Claire Ritson

Claire has worked in further education for 26 years. She now part takes in community work for a company called "Faith in our Communities". This consists of leading and developing a network of 10 faith community projects across the North East.



Kirsty Duffy

Kirsty is a local mother of four who lives in Tow Law. As a Governor, Kirsty aims to support the school as much as she can. She previously worked in a Government Planning Department, and aims to use the transferable skills she learnt from it to work efficiently as a Governor.



**Vice Chair of Governors
Cllr Richard Manchester**

Richard is a Durham County Councillor for Tow Law and Hill Top Villages. He is passionate about children receiving a good start in life.



Jenny Linsley

Jenny is a co-opted Governor and member of Finance Premises and Personnel Committees. Academically, she is a part qualified accountant and school business manager at Tow Law Millennium Primary School.



Steven Matthews

Steven Studied Computer Science at Sunderland University and holds a passion for computer programming. He lives locally in Tow Law, and being a Governor at Tow Law Millennium Primary School is his first experience as a Governor.



Jenny Mountain

Jenny is currently a Youth Support Worker at Tow Law Community Centre. She enjoys the community spirit in Tow Law. She constantly aims to look out for the well-being of staff and pupils, championing environmental and creative projects and developing community resource.



Stephen Hall

Stephen has been a Governor for many years at Tow Law Millennium Primary School. He is responsible for Health and Safety, carrying out inspections and maintaining the required training.

COVID Update:

Following advice from the Local Authority, in line with Department for Education, guidelines we will be making the following changes this term:

- There will be no after school clubs
- School assemblies will move back to On-line via Teams
- Planned school trips will be postponed
- Visitors and visits to the school will be restricted in accordance with need/guidance
- Staff movement around school will be limited
- When moving around school teaching and support staff will wear facemasks
- When collecting and dismissing children staff will wear a facemask
- Swimming will continue for now with additional organisation/guidance from St Johns

