

January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new term and Happy New Year; Pathfinder Schools wish you all the best for 2020.

What's Been Happening?

- Pathfinder Schools continue to go from strength to strength and featuring highly across our schools last term were our many and varied sporting events including multi skills, cross country, curling and Futsal enjoyed by pupils at a variety of venues across our group of schools.
- As our pupils settled into their new classes we have already been preparing for the next academic year. Year 6 pupils spent a fabulous day at Montsaye Academy at the beginning of the term where they had the chance to take part in a wide variety of activities to give them a taste of life at Montsaye in readiness for their move to secondary school at the end of this academic year.
- All of our Primary Schools welcomed prospective parents who will be starting in Reception in September – remember if you have a child starting school in September you need to have applied to admissions by 15th January 2020. Please find the link to the Admissions website [here](#)

Local Governing Bodies

As you are aware local governing bodies do a great job of supporting and challenging our schools to ensure they continue to provide the best education for your children. We are always looking for committed volunteers to join our local governing bodies and at this time would be particularly interested in hearing from you if you would like to join a governing body at any one of our Pathfinder Schools. We are particularly looking for people with the following skills: finance, strategic leadership, safeguarding and inclusion, risk management and HR. If you are interested in finding out more please contact clerk@pathfinderschools.org.uk

Trustee Visits

The Pathfinder Schools Trust Board have an oversight of all our schools; setting the direction of the organisation, monitoring standards, ensuring financial stability and managing risk. Trustees have been busy during the last term visiting our schools to see the great work that pupils and staff are doing every day and these visits have been overwhelmingly positive:

'The relationship between staff and pupils was wonderful to see. The pupils were enthusiastic and so excited to share their learning.'

'The head and chair of the governing body feel part of a team and part of a family of schools.'

Coming Up Soon

- Watch out in the coming term for parent surveys - we want to hear what you think about our schools so that we can use your comments to both celebrate what we do well and support us to keep improving.
- Worried about snow? Don't be, your child's school will always keep you up to date via the usual channels of communication. The best interests of the pupils are at the centre of any decisions we make.
- Like you, we want your children to be attending school every day they are well enough to, watch out for new style attendance letters coming out across all our schools which will help us to work in partnership with you.
- Don't forget the October half term is from Monday 19th to Friday 30th October – a good chance to book a cheaper holiday!

Please visit our website to keep up to date with events across our schools – www.pathfinderschools.org.uk

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As always, if you would like to get in touch us for any reason please visit our website and [use the contact form](#).

Regards



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