

There have been a few changes to the Local Governing Body (LGB, as we are now known) in the past few months; some as a result of the school joining the Reach South Multi Academy Trust (MAT).

Firstly, we are sorry to see the departure of the Reverend Tim Buckley after more than ten years as a Governor. He has made a really significant contribution to the school and the Governors over that time, and his knowledge and wisdom will be missed. We will be formally thanking Reverend Tim at a whole school assembly, date to be announced.

Secondly, Kate Lyon has stepped down as Chair after two busy and successful years. Kate is staying on as a Governor and her experience will be invaluable. Gary Blake is the new Chair, whilst Annie Blackie is now Vice Chair. We have welcomed Rachel Willingham as a new Parent Governor, and in one of the changes introduced by the MAT, Mrs Jo Hannon joins us as an additional Staff Governor. Their details will be added to the Governor's page on the school website.

We were all extremely pleased with the result of the OFSTED inspection in March, which reflected the hard work and dedication of the staff, the senior leadership and, of course, the children. The "Good" OFSTED assessment has since been followed by a "due diligence" inspection of the school by the Reach South Trust board representatives. Needless to say, this confirmed that Stuart Road is "Good, with some outstanding aspects" and has the best performance in the MAT: we are proud of this achievement and that Stuart Road is currently the best performing school in Reach South. The staff are already engaging with other schools in the MAT to pass on their best practice and are looking to gain new ideas in return.

We are getting to grips with the new ways of working within the MAT and look forward to continuing helping the school to develop and succeed and welcome any input from parents and children!