

# Tranmere Park Primary School

## Resources Sub Committee Annual Report 2014/15

Kirsty Spark (chair), John Duffey, Alexandra Ives, Kirsten Finley and Diane Sanderson all sat on the TPPS Resources subcommittee for the academic year to August 2015.

The Resources committee have been charged by the full governing body with overseeing the effective use of all of the schools resources to the best of their abilities. Resources covers everything from the money coming into school from the local authority to the teaching and support staff employed by the school and all buildings, land and materials within the school. It is our job to make sure that everything and everyone in school makes a positive contribution to your child's education with value for money being an underlying principle. If the governors feel that the school is not operating as efficiently as it could it is imperative that the challenge is made and the situation resolved, as in an environment of falling government funding the financial health of the school can deteriorate quickly.

Specific areas covered by the resources subcommittee in the last 12 months have included:

- Agreeing the school budgets for the coming financial year and recommending their adoption to the full governing body.
- Reviewing the schools performance against the agreed budget and challenging any significant variances to ensure the financial viability of the school is maintained.
- Undertaking health and safety reviews of the school premises and making recommendations for any improvements identified.
- Reviewing the policies and procedures relevant to the schools resources and ensuring they are fit for purpose (including educational visits).
- Considering the impact of staffing changes within the school against the approved budget to include the recommendation of pay awards where applicable.
- Considering the impact of the bulge years moving through school and discussing how best to arrange the classes within school to accommodate them within available funds.
- Monitoring the progress of building works / improvement within school to include the long awaited new roof (which has caused more than its fair share of headaches for all staff and pupils at TPPS) and classroom redecoration.
- Setting rents for commercial and community groups using the schools space (this in turn generates additional income for use within school).
- Agreeing dinner money and milk charges for the forthcoming year.
- Completion of the School Financial Value Statement (this is a return where we look at how effective the school is in terms of financial management and provide evidence to the council).
- Reviewing the school premises development plan and deciding on priorities for the coming 12 months.

It's been a busy year for the Resources subcommittee but it's great to see Tranmere Park continuing to thrive in an ever challenging environment and we are looking forward to 2015/2016!