



# Windermere Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very fortunate as a Headteacher to have the support of a remarkably committed and professional governing body, who are ultimately responsible for the strategic leadership and management of the school.

Consequently I am deeply saddened to have to inform you that our longest serving governor, Mr John Webster, passed away at the weekend. He was unfortunately taken ill shortly before Christmas and did not fully recover.

John had been part of the school's governing body for many years. During this time he served on a number of committees and more recently as the Chair of the Resources Committee. John was a regular visitor to the school, always keen to have lunch with the children and an ardent supporter of the school's sports teams, especially the football team. He attended every performance that the children put on. In his role as a critical friend, he would challenge me and my predecessors to ensure that everything was done in the children's best interests. He undertook every role with enthusiasm, attending training and governing body meetings with a smile, fulfilling his statutory obligations and then always doing that little bit more.

Ever the gentleman, John was extremely courteous and sociable with a kind word for everyone. He was quick to acknowledge the hard work of others and was thrilled to share in the school's many successes. One of his favourite annual events was the Year 6 rounders match, which for him epitomised the community spirit of the school combined with seeing our pupils become happy, independent youngsters ready for the next step in their educational journey.

Always positive and cheerful, the school has lost a very dear friend in John Webster. However he will always be fondly remembered by those who had the privilege to work with him. I am sure you will join me and the rest of the staff and governors in sending our condolences to his family at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Raftery  
Headteacher

