

I think I might sound like a broken record in writing this – but the fact that we’re approaching the end of another term has come around so quickly!

September saw several staffing changes at TPA and the Academy Committee was pleased to hear from Mrs Blacknell that the new staff members have settled into their new roles and the children have quickly become used to the new faces around the school too.

At our last meeting, the Academy Committee looked in depth at the way in which the school uses the additional funding it receives from the Department for Education. Mrs Blacknell shared the impact that Pupil Premium has had on the outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Over the last three years, the school has seen excellent progress because of this investment. The Pupil Premium report on the Academy website gives more details on how this funding is used, and the impact it is having. The Committee also looked at the effectiveness of Sports Premium funding, which is being targeted at catch up swimming lessons in years 5 and 6, and providing a wider range of sports and fitness opportunities for children in all year groups. The Committee was pleased to see the progress being made in these areas too and supports the school’s focus on enriching provision beyond what is available in the local area. Again, there are more details on the academy website.

We have spent time this term looking at the support and provisions for pupils at the school with SEND (special educational needs or disabilities) and Tom White has already met with Mrs Crampton following her appointment as SENDCO for the academy to explore the school’s evolving approach to supporting pupils with SEND.

If what you’ve read here has interested, you and you’d like to have these kinds of discussion about life at TPA – have you thought about becoming a member of the academy committee yourself? Please get in touch with Mrs Blacknell, me or Serena Baines ( [sbaines@diverse-ac.org.uk](mailto:sbaines@diverse-ac.org.uk) ) if you wish to know more.

Finally, on behalf of all the members of the Academy Committee I wish you all a very peaceful Christmas break, and a happy and healthy New Year.

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