



St Christopher's



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Our School is all about the wider community and everyone is an important part of this. Our governors are an important part of this community and their job in itself is a voluntary position, and we are grateful for all the time and energy they invest into supporting and guiding us within school.

However, on top of this, members of our Governing Board take on additional charitable volunteering, and this week we are going to feature their endeavours which will add to our targets of committing 130 hours this year.

Mrs Curtis, our Chair of Governors, has always been keen on sport, be it participating or watching. As a child, she swam for her home town swimming club and was grateful for the time and effort that the parents, including her own, put into running the club for them. As a parent, she believes it is important to support her own children and give them the opportunity to play sports with their friends and peers in a positive and encouraging environment. This year is the 9th season that she has been team administrator for her son's football team: the Glebe Tigers, where she makes sure that fees are collected, coaches and referees are paid and kits are ordered. She enjoys this volunteer work as she has watched the team grow and develop both as players and as young men. She is also the Colts Registration Secretary at a local cricket club, OD CUACO CC. Again, she finds this rewarding to support the work of the coaches and managers there, to help a small, family orientated club and to make players and their parents feel welcome. Volunteering for a local team is a great way to become part of the local community and without volunteers children's grassroots sport would simply not exist.

Mr Martin, our Chair of the IT and H&S Committee is involved in a local scout group, as Group Secretary handling the waiting list and general administration, as well as a member of the team organising the annual Beckenham Fireworks and Easter Egg Hunt. Last year over £90,000 was raised for local charities, with donations including £10,000 each for St Christopher's Hospice and the local Living Well food bank. He also can often be found leading rides with the Penge Cycle Club on Sunday mornings, introducing new riders to the lanes of Kent.

Do let Mr Carter know if your family, especially your children alongside you, are involved in anything which involves volunteering of any kind as we strive to reach 130 hours before July.

130 Hours Target of Volunteering

