

# ST MARY'S GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

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DEAR PARENTS,

Welcome to the first of what we intend to be a termly newsletter in which we hope to better inform, and give you an insight into the way we help Mr Marsh and his senior leadership team to provide the environment and opportunity

for each and every child with in our school community to achieve their full potential and set them on the road to future success.

In this first newsletter we want to focus on sharing with you our initial thoughts and reaction to the findings of the recent independent parents' questionnaire that was distributed to all parents

towards the end of the autumn term.

The full statistical analysis and comments are available on the school website ([www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk)) and we would urge you to view them yourselves (a paper

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The survey was overwhelmingly positive. Areas of strength included an effective approach to behaviour and discipline,

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

There is a vacancy for a parent on the governing body of our school. School governing bodies made up of parents, school staff (including the Headteacher) and people from the local community who together oversee the development of the school.

Look out for a separate letter that will give you details and outline the process for you.

pupil happiness and children being encouraged to treat others with respect and dignity.

We feel that the many positive comments show that you share with the governing body, Mr. Marsh, the senior leadership team, and indeed all our teachers and staff the desire to make St. Mary's the school that it strives to be; ***'a safe, caring, creative and happy place where we all have a chance to learn and grow together and do the best we can. We do this by knowing and loving Jesus more everyday and by following His teachings in a joyful way'***.

Of course, as with any survey, there were areas for concern. Having reviewed these at both committee and full governing body meetings, we can now outline some initial proposals which we hope will address some of these concerns and will be

reviewed and updated at future meetings.

The school has always tried to offer a range of lunchtime and after school clubs to suit our children across the key stages and feel that by and large we achieve this. But we do understand the need to review what is on offer. Having looked at the range of clubs we do think that girls are better served than boys and we are looking to remedy this.

Parents also raised some concerns about the school dinners provided. This is something governors take very seriously and have over the years tried to improve and maintain a better standard of school dinners. As you may know we do not have a cooking kitchen and receive our meals from another school. Our current feeling is that the best way forward is to establish a kitchen in our school with our own cook. This we hope will enable

better control over what is served. Mr. Marsh is already in discussion with our catering company to make this a reality, and we will keep you informed.

As I said at the start, this letter is a way for your Governing Body to speak to you more directly. Ofsted also provide a webpage called *ParentView* which gives you a chance to say to them what you think about our school.

Finally, do remember that the school operates an open door policy and if you have any concerns don't hesitate to come in and speak to your child's class teacher, or Mr Marsh.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

*Jacqui Corley*

Chair of Governors