

# ST MARY'S GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2017

## DEAR PARENTS & CARERS,

How quickly time flies and with the school year drawing to a close it's a chance to reflect on another successful year here at Saint Mary's.

Pope Francis has said "a positive education enables us to love life and opens us to the fullness of life."

We feel certain that here at Saint Mary's we help each and every child to the best possible start along that road. Such a journey requires not only the right community spirit but also the best possible learning environment.

The end of last year saw the completed early years building put into action and just recently our contractor Neilcott handed over our new teaching block. It is a superb building and will undoubtedly add to the

learning experience for the children.

We know that any future Ofsted inspections will place greater and greater emphasis on the depth and breadth of the curriculum that is being delivered. This is something we have always pursued and aspired to and we know that with inspiring leadership, a lively curriculum and the further development of our middle leaders that all our children will achieve their fullest potential.

Our most recent Ofsted inspection was of course a really strong good, and it's always gratifying to hear an external inspector comment so highly on the school.

**"The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school"**

## GOVERNING BODY

- **Mr. F. Marsh (Headteacher)**
- **Mrs. J. Williams (Elected Teacher Governor)**
- **Mrs. J. Corley, (Foundation Governor – Chair)**
- **Mrs C Giglio (Parent Elected Governor)**
- **Mr. C. Lucas (Foundation Governor)**
- **Dr Jim Park (LEA Governor)**
- **Mrs S. Corry (Parent Elected Governor)**
- **Mrs M Martin (Foundation Governor)**
- **Miss M Donoghue (Foundation Governor)**
- **Mrs Mary Hooper (Foundation Governor)**
- **Mrs A. Mason (Parent Elected Governor)**
- **Fr. S. Hasker (Associate Governor)**

**and " Pupils are a credit to the school who understand the schools expectations and remain focused on their learning. Pupils are polite, friendly and well mannered."**

Of course a good report is only the beginning and in the years ahead Mr Marsh and his Senior Leadership Team will be looking at ways to progress the school towards an outstanding report.

The results at KS1 and KS2 reflect the children's continuing effort and excellence and the work and endeavour of all the staff who teach and support them. This success is, of course, shared with you the parents, whose support is always so important.

It was wonderful to see the huge success of the school fair, the change in timing and good weather clearly helped but the governors are very conscious of the tremendous amount

of effort the PTA puts in to make all their events both enjoyable and successful. It is a true reflection of the Christian virtue of service and you can be absolutely certain that without it the school would be a poorer place.

The financial issues facing schools nationally have been widely reported and we are no exception. The governors have been looking at ways to manage the challenges ahead. It is clear there are no easy options. Once the governors have identified a way forward the rest of the school community will be consulted but you can be certain that whatever the course taken it will be a way to ensure the long term financial stability of the school while maintaining the best possible learning experience for all our children.

The end of this term is always a time for goodbyes and this year is no exception.

We say goodbye and good luck to all our Year 6 pupils, you have been such an important part of Saint Mary's life and we wish you every success in the years ahead.

Some of our parents will also be leaving us for the last time having guided one or more children through school. Thank you for all the support you have shown.

Pope Francis reminds us that our joy is Jesus Christ- his faithful and inexhaustible love. That gives all of us the strength to move on and aim ever higher.

So may the sun shine the whole of the summer, enjoy the break and we hope to see you all rested and raring to go in September.

God bless!

*Jacqui Corley*

Chair of Governors

