

# ST MARY'S GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2012

## DEAR PARENTS & CARERS,

By now you will have received a paper copy of the report of our recent Ofsted inspection. We hope that you have taken some time to read the report and reflect on its findings.

The inspection was

extremely rigorous and thorough, placing all aspects of the school's work under close scrutiny.

**Our school community can be pleased to have been graded**

**good for its overall effectiveness and indeed good across the four areas of inspection.**

The governors would like to thank Mr Marsh our senior leaders and all the staff for their efforts before and during the inspection.

We can be very proud of all our children of whom the inspectors commented

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'pupils have positive attitudes to learning and behave well in lessons and around the school'.

And we thank you, our

parents, for your continued support for the school and all we try to do.

As a community we have been celebrating the Easter

### GOVERNING BODY

We would like to welcome Mr. David Allison to the Governing Body as the new Parent Governor. Below is a list of our governors and their responsibilities.

- **Mr. F. Marsh (Headteacher)** -
- **Mrs. C. Kissinger (Elected Teacher Governor)**
- **Mrs. J. Corley, (Foundation Governor – Chair),** Year 4 Class Governor.
- **Mr. C. Lucas (Foundation Governor),** Year 3W Class Governor.
- **Ms. M. Campbell (LEA Governor),** Year 1 Class Governor.
- **Mrs. R. McConnell (Foundation Governor),** Year 5 Class Governor.
- **Fr. S. Hasker (Foundation Governor),** Nursery Class Governor.
- **Ms. M. Gregory (Foundation Governor),** Year 3O'H Class Governor.
- **Mr. W. Blake (Foundation Governor – Vice Chair),** Year 2 Class Governor.
- **Mr. P. Higgs (Elected Parent Governor),** Year 6 Class Governor.

season when the resurrection of Jesus Christ Our Lord brings to mind both rebirth and new beginnings.

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This inspection becomes our new beginning. A strong and positive baseline from which to grow the school. This work has already begun and we ask you for your support and prayers as we move the school forward.

**The governors would also like to bring you up to date regarding the Reception intake for September 2012.**

You may be aware of the year on year difficulties,

because of increasing admission numbers, the Local Authority has faced in placing children in reception classes across the borough. This year is no different and the Local Authority has been looking to place an extra 19 reception classes throughout the borough.

We are very clear of the duty of care we have for those children near to our school who are in need of a school place. We also take seriously our responsibilities within the Diocese and the Local Authority as one of the family of primary schools.

As a result the governors have agreed to accept a bulge reception class, taking 60 pupils rather than our normal 30.

We fully understand the implications of this especially with a previous bulge class still moving through the school. Rest assured we are already working with Mr Marsh to secure the class

space, staff and facilities needed to serve this extra class.

We can at least be certain that all the new children and their families will be given a warm welcome into our school community.

And finally as a follow up to our last newsletter. A cooking kitchen at the school seems unlikely at the moment because of funding implications. We can report however that having made clear our concerns about the quality of food at the school to the catering company a new cook has been employed and the service and quality of the food has since improved considerably.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

*Jacqui Corley*

Chair of Governors