

Governors Termly Communication –Easter 2019

The governing body meet regularly throughout the academic year to support Mrs Yuen with a view to providing the best possible education and educational opportunities for all of the pupils at St. Mary's. This involves setting the strategic direction for the school; and taking corporate decisions in relation to the statutory functions of the Board of Governors.

We would like to issue a termly newsletter to keep parents up to date with the work we are doing.

Items of Note this Term

Safeguarding

A particular focus for the school has been the improvement and implementation of its safeguarding policies and procedures. We would like to thank parents for their support with this across all areas of the school. Safeguarding our children is of paramount importance and is non-negotiable, there is a vast amount of legislation that we are legally required to adhere to and Mrs Yuen and her team are doing a very good job of meeting these requirements.

Pupil Numbers

We regularly review the number of pupils attending school. New posters and flyers have been produced and distributed in Banbury and Daventry. We have also targeted the new build developments within the surrounding villages. We extend a warm welcome to all new families joining St Mary's this term.

Funding

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Yuen has obtained funding from the diocese for school improvements. During the Easter holidays work will begin to improve the reception area, the Den and staff and visitors toilet facilities. The current lobby area will be sectioned off with glass panels enabling the office team to meet and greet visitors in a more professional environment. The Den will also see improvements with redecoration, purchase of bespoke furniture enabling a multipurpose use for quiet reading, computer use and Rising Stars.

Savings that have been made on the school budget have enabled Mrs Yuen to purchase 10 new laptops with a chargeable trolley; these will be available for use by all year groups and will enhance the existing technology. I am sure many of you have already noticed the new sports equipment, football goals, basketball nets and balls we have been able to purchase this term to ensure our children are able to take part in a wide variety of sports.



The Board

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the board of Governors to you:

Rebecca Iley – Chair of Governors

Fr James – Vice Chair

Deborah Brimson – Staff Governor

Raffaele Clark – Foundation Governor

Rick Harkin – Foundation Governor

Steve Tarry – Foundation Governor

Steve Prance – Parent Governor

Kate Johnson – Parent Governor

Deborah Thorneycroft – Associate Governor

I would like to wish you all a very happy and restful Easter.

Rebecca Iley

Chair of Governors, St Mary's School.

