



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

*"a place of educational excellence
with Christ at its centre"*

Summer Term 2

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

A message from the Chair of Governors.

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well, it has been a wonderful academic year with much to be thankful for and in the main minimal disruption to the children's education. The school trips and extra activities the children have been engaged with throughout the year have been inspirational and supported their curriculum well.

The governor monitoring week this term focused on safeguarding and curriculum area Math's. Safeguarding processes and procedures are at an exceptionally high level with no mandatory actions required. The new Math's resources 'White Rose' have been implemented well with pupils and staff engaging well with the programme, with progress already tracking for students.

We would also like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication this year, it has been unfaltering, ensuring the children receive the best education with Christ at its centre. We would like to wish the staff moving on the best of luck and we look forward to welcoming our new colleagues.

Wishing you all a restful and sunny summer break.

Kind regards

Rebecca Iley, Chair of Governors

The Governing Board

Rebecca Iley – Chair of Governors

Ksenija da Silva – Foundation Governor

Steve Prance – LSA Governor

Christina Pirlea – Parent Governor (application in progress)

Debbie Brimson – Staff Governor

Fr. John – Associate Governor

Lisa Beavers – Foundation Governor

Theresa Atkin – Foundation Governor

We are fully committed to being an inclusive board and ensuring equal opportunities. We are keen to make our board as diverse as possible, and we hope to attract applications from underrepresented groups, including, Men, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) people and people with a disability. Please do consider how your experience and skills could benefit the board; we would love to hear from you.

Premises – Thank you to Steve Prance (LSA governor) who has been working closely with Laura Concannon to ensure we are working towards and achieving our premises 'To Do' list. It is essential that the school buildings and grounds are a safe, modern and inspiring environment for our pupils; this as I am sure you can appreciate takes a lot of work and finance.

We are thrilled to have been able to achieve many of the planned actions for this academic year; painting of the main wall in the playground, playground markings, outdoor gym equipment, removal of sheds replaced with a storage container, internal doors have been replaced with regulated fire doors and 'keep clear' road signs outside the main entrance. The school is looking great, showcased fantastically at the recent Summer Penalty Shoot Out evening.

We are now up to date with the major action points that had been identified. Mrs Concannon is looking into the visitor sign in process and review of the fencing and main gate location, this will strengthen our safeguarding processes and improve the visitor experience.

Standards and Achievements – Children have made good progress this year, supported by interventions and catch-up groups, and the school's new golden threads running throughout. We were thrilled to be able to invite parents and carers back into school this year for book looks and parents evening.

SATS results were good and as per teacher tracking sheets.

Work is ongoing to ensure our SEND provision enables those children accessing it to make good progress within their target range.

The team are committed to ensure all St Mary's pupils are able to access outstanding education.

The planned governor monitoring weeks for academic year 22/23 will continue to review the Maths' resources to ensure White Rose is having the intended impact and pupils are making good progress. We will also look at the supporting curriculum subjects; humanities and sciences, new guidance requires that these are no longer under the banner of 'topic' but called by their subject name. This will ensure pupils are clear which subject they are studying.

Please do look out for, and support with attendance, parent information evenings at the beginning of the new academic year. These evenings provide you with all the information you need to support your children with their school life.

Fund Raising and Schools Finances – Our net pupil numbers will be marginally lower than this year, due to our current year 6 being a large group and the new reception group being lower. However, we are pleased to welcome several new families that will be joining St Mary's in the new academic year, with children entering in different year groups, this has helped to bridge the gap. Please do continue to share and like St Mary's posts on social media to help publicise the school.

We have had several successful fund raising events this year for the school, thank you to all those who helped to organise and make them possible and to those who supported. The end of year penalty shoot out was a lovely family evening with the sun shining and the 'Dad's' letting the kids take a turn!. The Friend's of St Mary's have worked really hard to ensure money is raised to support pupil activities and trips, however in the new academic year we will be asking for new volunteers to help support – please do look out for the communication and consider how you could help.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss anything detailed on this newsletter or any other matters.

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