



# GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

St James the Great R.C. Primary and Nursery School  
Windsor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 8HJ

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Dear Parents

## GOVERNING BODY:

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Welcome to our Summer Newsletter summarising on what has been happening at our school this term. The Governors met regularly at meetings which included Curriculum & Resources sub Committees and concluded with the Full Governing Body last week. Brief details are as below:

## CURRICULUM:

As you may know, Governors are allocated a subject to ensure that it is properly addressed at the school. This is then reported to the committee. This time round it was the area of Religious Education. It was reported that the Governor responsible for RE had visited the school and produced his report to governors. It was confirmed that Masses had taken place almost every Friday during Lent. It was mentioned that our mission statement is displayed at the office entrance, prayer areas in class are monitored and checked regularly, and each class has a prayer book and class prayer service. Also, the Section 48 Inspection regarding our Religious Education was completed by our Diocese and we are delighted that the school achieved status of 'Outstanding.' Governors would like to thank Mr Andrew and the staff on this achievement, which positively reflects the Catholic education in our school.

## RESOURCES:

Accounts were prepared and Audited independently by an external source. We are happy to confirm that these have been approved and adopted. Our thanks go to our Business Manager - Mr Mark Humphreys and his team for the timely manner in assisting the Auditors and meeting all the financial regulatory deadlines imposed on us as an academy.

## FULL GOVERNING BODY:

An in-depth agenda regarding various topics was discussed. The Headteacher produced his report, outlining tasks that have been completed and his plans for the future. The Homework Policy, Social Media Policy, Admissions Policy and Staff Policies were all reviewed and agreed. Maintenance programme is scheduled during this summer break.

## ROLE OF A GOVERNOR:

A Governor's role is a demanding and responsible one. Working alongside the Headteacher, they have to ensure the smooth running of the school and which meets all the regulatory requirements imposed by Educational Authorities and oversee the strategic vision of the school and not day to day operational matters. This encompasses setting the school's vision and aims; establishing and maintaining the school's ethos; setting the school's plans and policies; monitoring and evaluating school performance; promoting self-evaluation to sustain school improvement etc.

### **STAFF LEAVERS:**

We would also like to thank the following members of staff, who are leaving at the end of this year, for their dedicated service, and wish them all the very best for the future:

- Mrs Owen, Deputy Head
- Mrs Wellington, Senco, Assistant Head
- Miss Bushell, Reception
- Miss Johnson, Year 5
- Mrs Parry, Year 5

### **YEAR 6 LEAVERS:**

Governors attended the Year 6 leaver's mass and presentation. It was a moving occasion which was held in our Performing Arts Centre. We would like to thank our Year 6 teachers for arranging a farewell mass, which was led by Fr James from St Andrews and our very own Deacon Ged. Each child received their Certificate of Achievement and encouraging words from their teachers. Mr Andrew concluded the evening with trophies for special achievements. We wish our Year 6 Leavers all the best of luck in their new secondary schools and hope they look back on their time at St James the Great with fond memories.

### **MEET THE GOVERNORS BREAKFAST MORNING:**

On Tuesday 17 September 2019, the Governors will be holding another breakfast get together for staff and parents. 8.00-8.30am Governors meet with staff. 8.30-9.00am Governors meet with parents. If you are available on that day, we would love to meet, chat over a coffee and a croissant and to hear your views on our school. We really do look forward to meeting you and hope many of you can make it.

### **FRIENDS FUNDRAISING:**

The Governors are thankful to the Friends Association for all the time, hard work and dedication they give to the school. The recent Summer fete is a testament to this and funds raised will benefit all our children. Well done. Please support them however you can, as we understand that they are looking for more volunteers to help with their work.

### **A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS:**

As another school year comes to an end, I would sincerely like to thank the Governing Body for their continued support in the running of our school. They volunteer their time to ensure St James the Great school continues to be a great school for all our pupils. My thanks also go to all the teaching and ancillary staff for their dedicated work and the Friends Association under the leadership of Mrs Sharon Shakespeare. Once again Thank You All.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and relaxing summer break and goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they step up to their new challenges.

Regards and Best Wishes,

*Edwin Abreo*