

Governors Update

July 2019

Dear Parents,

Another school year draws to a close as we prepare for the summer holidays and our pupils, your children, look forward to almost six weeks of school free life! As a governor of the school, it is those children who are the focus of all that we do as we seek to honour the promise that was made to every parent when they chose to entrust their child to this school community.

As governors we are very fortunate to have a head teacher and staff who welcome us into the school throughout the school year. We have witnessed pupils at work, at play and at worship and we have watched them grow and mature in ways which reflect so well on the choices that they make in their lives, and on the love, care and support they receive at home, a foundation on which all that the school does is built upon. That partnership between the home, the school and our church distinguish this school community and is its greatest strength.

At our last governing body meeting of the year we had the privilege, once again, of listening to the thoughts and reflections of pupils of the school. These opportunities allow us to hear, first hand, of the views of pupils on how the school might grow in strength. More importantly we are able to witness the impact of the school's mission on individual children. Whilst we are very proud of the outstanding achievements of our Year 6 in their SATS (once again!), we know that those exam statistics do not define our purpose as a school. When we encounter pupils of the school at meetings, in assemblies, at sports day, at the Strawberry Fair, at musical concerts or in the day to day life of the school we experience the school mission coming alive as we witness children who know that they are known by their name, know that they are loved for who they are, and know that they can learn and grow in the light of Christ. It is a safe place to learn, to make mistakes, to be forgiven and to be stronger for the journey. It does not surprise us to hear the comments of so many visitors to the school who reflect on the happiness of pupils in the school, the smiling eyes that they encounter, the politeness exhibited by pupils and the high standards of behaviour around the school and in the playground. It is these parameters which truly define our school and it is these core values to which we, as governors, give our total commitment as we work in support of Mrs Heymoz and the staff of the school.

As governors, we are intimately involved in all aspects of school life and we regularly receive presentations from individual members of staff. The demands on teachers are great but it is evident to all who are associated with the school that our teaching staff gives without counting the cost.



Summer Newsletter

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As the summer term comes to a close, the Governors would like to take this opportunity to share a few things with all parents and carers.



Their commitment, care and dedication are exemplary. It is also clearly evident that there is a tremendous sense of teamwork within the teaching staff and that individuals are eager to take and run with new ideas which enrich the life of the school. Above all, they do this with such a wonderful spirit, a spirit which is infectious and uplifting. As governors, we never cease to be amazed at the involvement of staff in so many aspects of school life; being there for first holy communion masses, at quiz nights and at the Potters Bar Carnival (winning, of course!). We thank them for all that they do and we wish them peaceful re-creation over the summer holidays.

We also recognise the great support of the school by our parents; this is mostly witnessed by the tremendous way parents prepare their children for school each and every day. There is also the good work of FOPPS which is to be congratulated and thanked for all of its hard work and for its fundraising for our school community.

It is an opportunity for governors to wish all of our Year 6 pupils every happiness, fulfillment and success in the next phase of their lives as they move on to their secondary schools. We know that they have had an excellent foundation on which to build their future successes. We look forward to our new intake of pupils and welcome parents who are new to our school community.

Finally, on behalf of governors, wish you and your family a restful summer. Our commitment to your school community is our sole purpose and we want to honour the trust that you have placed in this very special school community.

Michael Kelly

Chair of Governors

*We believe that we are all God's work of art.
We strive to respect and care for each and to use our talents to
do our best.
By doing this, we are
'Learning in the Light of Christ'.*



