



Governors Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians.

I write to you as Chair of Governors and on behalf of the whole governing body. The board continues to work to support, challenge and hold our school leaders to account. We are extremely fortunate to have formed a strong working relationship with the Senior Lead team and all the staff, as they strive to ensure all children achieve their potential at Pope Paul. We want children at Pope Paul to be able to embrace the challenges they face in the world today, whilst holding onto their Christian values and care for the world created by God for us.

This term we welcome two new governors Mr Clive Matthew and Mrs Marianne Valiantis to the team, each bringing different experiences and expertise, for which we are very grateful. We thank them for the commitment they have made to our school.

The school community continues to be fortunate to have a dedicated and inspiring team of teachers and support staff, guided by our Headteacher Mrs Heymoz. The team continually look for new ways to inspire the children and make every school day a new learning opportunity.

Governors regularly meet with the Mrs Heymoz and other members of the leadership team. We also make regular visits to school to observe areas of the curriculum. We always enjoy these visits as they give us an insight into how the curriculum is being delivered, particularly with regard to the school's development plan and vision.

Recently I had the pleasure of spending a morning with Reception class and watching their Nativity play. They were such a joy. I was amazed by their excellent behaviour and how well they performed at the Nativity. I could see how proud the parents were, along with the teachers too. We offer a warm welcome to all Reception parents, for many are new to the school.

Yesterday, I was invited to be part of the panel for the Pope Paul Talent competition. This was a great opportunity for the children to showcase their talents to a large audience. It was great to see lots of different acts, including dancing, singing, footballers, acting, magicians and comedians. It was difficult being a judge as the performers were well prepared and entertaining. Well done to everyone who took part, you were all amazing, and congratulations to the winners!

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I would like to thank Mrs Heymoz and the rest of the Pope Paul community for their continued efforts to ensure children learn with enthusiasm and fun. They are an amazing team and we are very indebted to them. I hope that now over the Christmas season, they will be able to rest and enjoy time with family and friends.

On behalf of us all, I take this opportunity to wish Parents, Guardians and Children the peace and joy of this Christmas time. We all keep in our prayers families in our community who have suffered loss or illness in the past year. We pray they will be strengthened by God's love and the love of our school community.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Carole Strange

Chair of Governor



'Christmas is a ray of light for all, because it reveals to us God's love and makes us feel the presence of Jesus with everyone.'

Pope John Paul II

