

# ST. JOHN FISHER RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## *Governors' Newsletter – Autumn Term (September to December 2015)*

### Welcome To St. John Fisher (SJF)

The governing body of St. John Fisher RC Primary School warmly welcome, our new and old children and their parents/carers to this exciting Autumn term. We believe that our new children have settled in and are already enjoying their learning journey.

The governors also gladly welcome our two newly elected parent governors; Miss Patricia Osobase and Mrs F. Akintade.

### Focus

The governing body of SJF helps in positioning the school to achieve set goals. Key focus of the body includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Ensuring that learning and behaviour standard is high and attainable by the children.
2. Supporting the school in achieving its set aims and objectives.
3. Ensuring best practices across board in the school.
4. Supporting periodic review of policies and set targets.
5. Acting as a critical friend to the head teacher and management staff of the school.
6. Through active communication with governors and staff, share improvement ideas and solve problems.
7. On-going training for teachers, parents/carers and governors.

### Training

Governors attended an insightful phonics training together with the teaching staff on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, 2015. Training is an on-going activity in the school.

On Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> 2015, members of the Governing Body participated in a learning walk around the school. Constructive feedback was given to the management staff and head teacher. Feedback from our governors' learning walk helps pupils to be aware of their next steps in learning and supports the teachers with self-assessment and planning. **Overall, behaviour was very impressive and work output was of very high standard.**

### Committees

The governing body has four main committees:

- Curriculum
- Staffing
- Finance
- Premises and Health and Safety

The year ended with a very inspiring nativity stage performance by the infants. Some governors attended and commended the children and teachers for the brilliant performance.

St. John Fisher RC Primary School aims to continuously achieve its targets and excel in all its activities. SJF is working towards achieving 100% attendance and punctuality. As governors, we are committed to work with the management of the school to achieve this. We therefore appeal to parents/carers to ensure that their child(ren) come to school daily and are **punctual**.