



## ST. JOHN FISHER RC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)

### *Governors' Newsletter - Autumn Term*

*(September to December 2016)*

#### **Our Autumn Term 2016**

The governing body of St. John Fisher RC Primary School would like to welcome our new and old children, their parents/carers and staff from the lovely summer holiday. Thank you for helping to make the Summer term a lovely and memorable one. We wish the outgoing year six pupils the best in their future endeavours. The excellent and remarkable end of year performance by pupils was attended by most of the governors. There is no doubt that, this Autumn term will be more challenging and inspiring for the pupils.

The governors would like to congratulate Ms Sarah Griffin on her appointment as the head teacher of the school. We also welcome Mrs Siobhan Sherlock, Mrs Christine Lebo, Mr. Simon Hayes and Mr. Nigel Mascarenhas onto our governing board.

#### **Our Focus**

The governing body of SJF is committed to continually support the school in achieving its ultimate goals. Our focus remains but is not limited to the following:

1. Ensuring that the 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. Being a critical friend/offering constructive criticism(s) to the head teacher and management staff to continuously help keep up standards of learning.
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 continue to attend relevant trainings. Two of such trainings were the role of governors and a skills audit review. Governors have also updated themselves on the 2016 statutory guidance for 'Keeping Children Safe In Education'. Training remains an on-going activity in the school for staff, parents and governors.

Governors will continue to carry out learning walks and support the staff in ensuring that learning is at its best always aiming to the highest standard. As always, we applaud the exemplary behaviour of the pupils, their exceptional work output and high teaching standards of the school.

### Committees

To further strengthen our core functions and strategic position, we are working on re-grouping and renaming the following four main committees this Autumn term.

- Curriculum - Will remain alone as this is the focus on the Teaching and Learning across the school - looking at Progress and Attainment of all cohorts
- Staffing, Finance Premises and Health and Safety - Are now in one committee Resources - this way the meetings are more efficient and there will not be so many overlaps from different committees.

### School Activities

Some governors attended the open evening on 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016 and will be attending the reading curriculum evening on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, 2016.

The Maths Mastery programme approved by the governors is now being implemented in Reception and Year 1.

The governors will continue to work with the school to ensure that St. John Fisher RC Primary School becomes the best school in the borough. SJF hopes to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality. The board of governors are committed to working with the school to achieve this. We urge parents/carers to work in partnership with us to ensure that their child(ren) come to school daily and are *punctual*. We also encourage parents/carers to support their child(ren) comprehension and literacy skills by reading with them every day.

### **Parking**

The governors and staff would like to thank all parents/carers for complying with the parking regulations outside the school gates, on Kale road. We believe that this will be an on-going practice that will help strengthen our good relationship with the community.

**Singed: St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School Governors**