

ST. JOHN FISHER RC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)

Governors' Newsletter – Spring Term 2017



Our Spring Term

The governing body of St. John Fisher RC Primary School would like to wish the pupils, their parents/carers and staff a **Happy New Year**. We warmly welcome you back from the holidays and are glad to have our pupils and staff back at school.

Autumn term 2016 was packed with activities that were challenging and very exciting for all. Governors believe that this Spring term will be more challenging and exciting for our resilient pupils.

Our Focus

The focus of the governing body of SJF is synchronised with the school's business plan. We are committed as always to work with the school in achieving its goals. Our main focus remains but is not limited to the following:

1. Ensuring that the learning and behavioural standard is outstanding 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 existing policies and set targets.
5. Ensuring that new policies are in place and in line with regulatory requirement.
6. Offering positive criticism to the head teacher and management staff to continuously help keep up standards of learning.
7. Through active communication with governors and staff, share improvement ideas and solve problems.
8. On-going training for teachers, parents/carers and governors.

Training

Governors continue to attend relevant trainings. Governors attended the reading training organised by the school in the Autumn term for parents/carers. The training was very revealing and extensive. Governors have also updated themselves on the new policies on Relationship and Sex Education and Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions.

There is an upcoming safeguarding training this term governors will be attending with the staff of SJF and other schools.

The school's website has also been very useful for reminding governors about statutory policies and school activities. We strongly recommend that parents/carers visit the website regularly to update themselves with information on statutory policies and school activities.

Training remains an on-going activity in the school for staff, parents and governors.

A learning walk was carried out in the Autumn term and governors were very impressed with pupils' exceptional learning and behaviour. The Maths Mastery programme approved by the governing body for KS1 is now being implemented in the school.

Staff of SJF continue to be viewed by governors as hardworking, very professional and efficient. Governors will continue to carry out learning walks periodically and support the staff in ensuring that learning is at its best and of outstanding standard.

Core Committees

Our core committees held productive meetings in the Autumn term. Governors are split between these two committees to make the work more efficient and effective. The committees are:

- Curriculum
- Resources

Link Governors

In line with our governing goals, we have link governors supporting staff in the following areas:

- Safeguarding
- Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Pupil premium
- Health and Safety
- Training

School Activities

Some governors attended the open evening on 15th of September, 2016 and the reading curriculum evening on the 13th of October, 2016.

Governors were also privileged to attend the Black History day celebration where we saw parents and pupils' excellent and enlightening performances. The Nativity play by KS1 was outstanding.

The pupils showed great acting skills and confidence on stage. We also encourage parents/carers to support their child(ren)'s comprehension and literacy skills by reading with them every day.

Punctuality/Attendance

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***.

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. Our adherence to this practice will continue to help strengthen our good relationship with the community.

SJF Governing Body