



# ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)

## *Governors' Newsletter - Autumn Term 2017*

### Autumn Term

The governing body of St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School welcome new and old pupils, staff and parents to this new academic year.

After an applaudable and memorable Summer term, we believe that the pupils and staff of SJF will embrace this Autumn term with resolute positivity and determination. Our governing body commends the recent out-going year 6 pupils for an outstanding SATs result.

We thank the head teacher, staff and parents of SJF for working tirelessly together as a team to bring about this remarkable outcome. We are confident and proud to state that our pupils show resilience and aim to achieve excellence in learning and behaviour in all year groups.

This fact was buttressed in a letter we received in the Summer term from the Education Commission, congratulating the school for 100% of pupils reaching the expected standard in mathematics.

### Our Focus

SJF governing board focus continues to stay aligned with the school's business plan and we will continue to support the school in achieving set goals. The governing board's focus remains but transcends the following,

1. Ensuring that learning and behaviour standards are 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. Critical friend to the head teacher and management staff.
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

Our effective and committed governors continue to attend relevant seminars, educational meetings and trainings. Some of such trainings recently attended by governors include Academy Funding and Accountability for governors and The Role of Governors in schools.

SJF governors are charged with the responsibility to update themselves on reviewed and new policies. Parents/carers are strongly advised to visit the school's website regularly to update themselves with information on statutory policies and school activities.

On-going training continues to be paramount in supporting staff development. Parents are advised to avail themselves of free training provided by the school. Governors will continue to embark on learning walks (for details of last learning walk, see governors learning walk report on the school's website).

## Core Committees

Our Curriculum and Resources committees held constructive meetings in the Summer term.

## Link Governors

Link governors will continue to work productively with the school's key staff in the following areas:

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

## School Activities

As part of our responsibility to always support the school, some governors attended the Year 6 Leavers Mass, End of Year Mass, the Open Evening, Sports Day and KS2 end of term production. As expected, the KS2 stage performance was exceptional!

### Punctuality/Attendance

SJF's goal is to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality. As governors, we are bound to continue to work with the school to achieve this. We encourage parents/carers to work in partnership with us to ensure that their child(ren) come to school daily and are *punctual*.

### Parking

Governors are closely monitoring the parking situation outside our school gates. We advise parents/carers to comply with the parking regulations for the safety of our children and members of our community. Remember, we teach our children by example.

**SJF Governing Body**