

ST. JOHN FISHER RC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)

Governors' Newsletter – Summer Term 2017

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The governing body of St. John Fisher RC Primary School welcome our pupils, staff and parents back from the Easter holiday. We believe that the Lenten season has given everyone a time for reflection that would eventually result in positivity for all.

Governors would also like to congratulate the pupils, staff and parents of SJF RC Primary School for attaining the OUTSTANDING status in the recent Section 48 inspection.

We have no doubt that our collective effort to move our school to OFSTED's Outstanding status is becoming a reality.

Governors were also delighted to receive a letter from the Education Commission, congratulating the school for 100% of pupils reaching the expected standard in mathematics. We applaud the pupils, head teacher and staff for this commendable mile stone.

Our Focus

As a governing body, our focus is aligned with the school's business plan and we aim to support the school in achieving set goals. Our main focus remains but exceeds 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 committed and dynamic governors have attended several seminars, educational meetings and trainings. Some of the trainings attended by governors include safeguarding and supporting the administration of SATS.

Governors continually update themselves on reviewed and new policies. Parents/carers are 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.

A learning walk by governors was carried out in March (on the school's Enterprise Day.) Our school's SPA and the head teacher of Our Lady of Rosary RC Primary School came on the learning walk with us. They were both very impressed with our exceptional pupils.

The year six pupils who took over the running of the school were brilliant (for details, see governors learning walk report on the school's website).

Core Committees

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

Link Governors

Link governors had productive meetings with the school's supporting staff in the following areas:

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

School Activities

As part of our duty to always support the school, some governors attended mass at the school on Ash Wednesday. Governors also honoured the invitation to see the Easter play by years 3 and 4. The theme was centred on Lent. As always, the pupils showed great creative and acting skills. Their singing was sensational and very impressive.

Punctuality/Attendance

SJF's goal is to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality. As governors, we will continue to work 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

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