

ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)

Governors' Newsletter – Spring Term 2018

Spring Term

The governing body of St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School would like to wish our pupils, staff and parents a Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a good and restful holiday.

There is doubt, that the just completed 2017 Autumn term was remarkable. As always, our resilient and dynamic pupils and staff have started the term with great enthusiasm, ready to face learning challenges with a positive attitude. Opportunities continue to be created and expanded to support our pupils' learning. Our overall aim is to ensure that pupils stay happy and are able to achieve their maximum potential. The governing body of SJF continue to work collaboratively with the leadership and other staff of the school to ensure effective pastoral care of every child.

Governing Board Focus

Our strategic governing board will not cease to work seamlessly with the school, to achieve goals in line with the school's business plan. The governing board's focus remains but exceeds the following,

1. Ensuring that learning and behaviour standards are outstanding and attainable by the children.
2. Ensuring that the pastoral care of every child is met by the school.
3. Supporting the school in achieving its set aims and objectives.
4. Ensuring best practices across board in the school.
5. Supporting periodic review of existing policies and set targets.
6. Ensuring that new policies are in place and in line with regulatory requirement.
7. Critical friend to the head teacher and management staff.
8. Through active communication with governors and staff, share improvement ideas and solve problems.
9. On-going training for teachers, parents/carers and governors.

Training

Our dynamic governors continue to attend relevant seminars, educational meetings and trainings. SJF governors regularly update themselves on reviewed and new policies.

We cannot over-emphasise the importance of having a good knowledge of statutory policies. We advise that parents/carers 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/carers are also advised to attend Open evenings where they can receive relevant trainings and other important information made available to them.

Open evenings also give parents/carers the opportunity to share ideas and ask questions relating to learning development. Where the school is providing free training for parents/carers, it would be beneficial for you to attend.

Governors carried out a learning walk in November 2017. Governors will continue to embark on learning walks and our reports are always accessible on the school's website.

Core Committees

Our Curriculum and Resources committees held constructive meetings in the Autumn 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 supportive responsibility towards the school, some governors attended the Open Evening, the Black History celebration, the Harvest Festival celebration and the KS1 Nativity show.

All these events were OUTSTANDING. We commend the pupils and staff for their hardwork.

Our governing body would also like to thank the parents/carers who attended these events.

We believe that your attendance to our school's events reflect your commitment to support the school to attain it's goals.

We encourage more of the tripod partnership.

Punctuality/Attendance

SJF's goal is to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality. As governors, we are determined 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