

ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)

Governors' Newsletter - Summer Term 2018

Summer Term

Welcome to an exciting Summer term! We believe our pupils and staff had a good Easter break.

The governing body and staff of our school continue to promote pupils social, personal and intellectual development and wellbeing through a wide range of effective strategies. This was reflected in pupils' individual and collective learning outcomes in the Spring term. We believe that our confident, enthusiastic and resilient pupils are already enjoying the learning activities rolled out for this Summer term.

Governing Board Focus

As governors, we are committed to work with the leadership team, staff and pupils of the school, to achieve goals in line with the school's development plan. Our focus remains:-

1. Ensuring that learning and behaviour standards are outstanding and attainable by the children.
2. Ensuring that the pastoral care of the pupils is outstanding.
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.
10. Promoting equality, inclusion and safeguarding of pupils and staff.

Training

As governors, one of our prerogatives is to continuously attend relevant seminars, educational meetings and trainings. We regularly update ourselves 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.

You can also follow the school's activities via twitter [*@stjohnfishercps*](#).

On-going training continues to be paramount in supporting staff development. We encourage parents and carers 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 March 2018. During this walk, we observed that pupils demonstrate impeccable behaviour around the school. They show awareness of the needs of others, are keen to learn and enjoy school (full report is on the school's website).

Core Committees

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

Link Governors

Link governors continue to work constructively 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

Governors are committed to supporting the school's activities. In the Spring term, governors attended the Years 3 and 4 Easter play. As always, the pupils put up an OUTSTANDING performance. The Easter message reminded us of the selfless love God has given us to share with others. We laud the pupils and staff for their hard work. Our governing body would also like to thank the parents and carers who attended this event. We believe that your attendance to our school's events reflect your commitment to support the school to attain its goals. Finally, congratulations to our esteemed pupils for winning both the Netball League and RE poetry competition, as well as participating in a choir competition.

Punctuality/Attendance

Our school's aim is to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality. As governors, we remain resolute in working with the school to achieve this. We encourage parents and 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