



ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)

Governors' Newsletter – Autumn Term 2018

Autumn Term

Welcome to a stimulating Autumn term, after a well-deserved Summer break!

SJF governing body and staff take pride in supporting and promoting pupils' holistic learning through various effective and efficient strategies. This is continually reflected in outcomes attained by our pupils at the end of every term and academic year.

Governing Board Focus

SJF governors continue to work with the leadership team, staff and pupils of the school, to achieve set goals in line with the school's development plan. Our focus remains but extends beyond the following,

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. Promote equality, inclusion and safeguarding of pupils and staff.

Training

As a prerogative, to further equip us with the right skills and for best practices, SJF governors and staff attend relevant continuous professional development trainings, seminars and meetings.

We also continue to update and familiarise ourselves with reviewed and new policies. Parents and carers are advised to regularly visit the school's website to update themselves with information on statutory policies and school activities.

You can also follow the school's activities on twitter **@stjohnfishercps**.

We encourage parents and carers to attend Open evenings, where they can receive relevant trainings and other important information. 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 July 2018. Our learning walks afford us the opportunity to observe pupils learning behaviour and best practices throughout the school. The pupils continue to present highly positive learning behaviour. They are very articulate and confident learners.

Our learning walk reports can be accessed on the school's website.

Core Committees

Our Curriculum and Resources committees held productive meetings in the Summer 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 Summer term, governors attended the Liturgical dance performance by all year groups, the KS2 production, Sports day event, Leavers Mass and award presentation. As expected, these events were outstanding. The pupils showed the skills of excellence, confidence and enjoyment in their performances. We commend the pupils and staff for their hard work and excellent achievements.

SJF governing body would also like to thank the parents and carers who attend our school events. 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 out-going year 6 pupils for a brilliant SATs result!

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