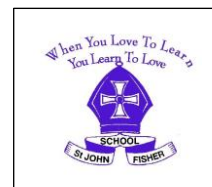


ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)



Governors' Newsletter – Autumn Term 2024

Welcome

The governing board of St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School welcome our new and old pupils, parents/carers and staff. The summer holiday seems like a distant memory now, but we hope you all had a restful one and looking forward to what this Autumn term will bring.

Governing Board Focus

As governors, our main priorities remain to,

1. Ensure that learning and behaviour standards are outstanding and attainable by the children.
2. Ensure that the pastoral care of the pupils is outstanding.
3. Support the school in achieving its set aims and objectives.
4. Ensure best practices across board in the school.
5. Support periodic review of existing policies and set targets.
6. Ensure that new policies are in place and in line with regulatory requirement.
7. Be a critical friend to the head teacher and management staff.
8. Through active communication with governors and staff, share improvement ideas and solve problems.
9. Encourage on-going training for teachers, parents/carers and governors.
10. Promote equality, inclusion and safeguarding of pupils and staff.

Additionally, we will work seamlessly with SJF's leadership team to ensure that everyone complies with the school's health and safety policies.

Training

Governors have continued to access on-line and face to face trainings to keep abreast of relevant regulatory and statutory policies.

What we ask of you is to regularly visit the school's website, to update yourselves with information on statutory policies and school activities. You can also follow the school's activities on twitter [@stjohnfishercps](https://twitter.com/stjohnfishercps).

Meetings held by the governing board.

In the last term, we held a general governing board meeting. Our Curriculum and Resources committees also held their meetings. We will continue to hold these meetings as scheduled.

Link Governors

Link governors will continue to work proactively 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

Last term flew by as it was a very busy one!

Year 6 successfully completed their SATs, showcasing their dedication and hard work. We take great pride in their exceptional levels of attainment and commend all of their efforts.

Well done to Year 4 in completing their Multiplication Check, once again amazing results.

Fantastic results for the Year 1 phonics, they worked so hard.

EYFS - our youngest pupils have made incredible progress, setting a solid foundation for their future learning.

We were delighted to receive our CSI Inspection Report, we are OUTSTANDING! We are so blessed to have amazing pupils, staff, Governors, Parents and the local Parish whose contribution makes St. John Fisher an outstanding school.

Whole school activities were the KS2 Production, Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 put on an exemplary performance and had everyone in fits of laughter.

We celebrated Bastille Day where the children wore Red, White and Blue. This day was to show the children what they have learnt in Modern Foreign Languages.

Sports Day happened earlier than usual last term, we were hoping for better weather and it sure didn't disappoint. We had such a great turn out with parents and teachers even taking part in the races. Well done to Green Team who won the Sports Day.

At St. John Fisher the whole school and Year 6 sleepover took place.

We said Goodbye to Mrs McLaughlin who is now on maternity leave and we wish her and her family the very best.

The Year 6 had their Leavers Mass and Prize Giving Assembly. We wish them all the best in their secondary school and we will miss each and every one of them.

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 continue to closely monitor 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. We also encourage our pupils to walk to school. Remember, we are role models for our children.

Best regards,

Esther Phillips
Chair of Governors