

ST MARY'S GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2016

DEAR PARENTS

Although not reflected in the weather summer is here and, indeed, we are not that far from the end of term.

Our year 6 children have just returned from their trip to Rome and it was great to see them take the opportunity to pass through the Holy door at St Peter's marking the Jubilee of Mercy. We hope the experience will encourage them to become what the Pope calls 'the living examples of compassionate love.' May their example spread to all in our school community so; 'that the love of Christ alive in the church might bear fruit in a spirit of welcome and compassion, love and understanding.' - Pope Francis.

It has always been a strength of the school to see the friendship and care shown by pupils for each other across the year groups from youngest to oldest. Over the last few years the school has begun to grow and from September formally begins its new life as a 2 form entry school.

More than ever, the whole school community; children, staff, parents and our wider community must strive through Christ's mercy to live out that call 'to welcome, compassion, love and understanding' -to ensure, despite its growth, the school manages to maintain its small school feel where all in it show due care to each other.

By the time you read this, our new early years building will have been blessed by our parish priests. We hope that it will provide the perfect environment for each and every child that joins our school to learn and achieve to their full potential.

GOVERNING BODY

- **Mr. F. Marsh
(Headteacher) -**
- **Mrs. J. Williams
(Elected Teacher
Governor)**
- **Mrs. J. Corley,
(Foundation Governor
and Chair)**
- **Mrs C. Giglio (Parent
Elected Governor)**
- **Mr. C. Lucas
(Foundation
Governor),**
- **Dr Jim Park (LEA
Governor and Vice
Chair)**
- **Ms. A. McGibbon
(Foundation
Governor)**
- **Fr. S. Hasker
(Associate Governor)**
- **Mrs A. Mason
(Foundation
Governor)**
- **Ms Sara Corry (Parent
Elected Governor)**
- **Mrs M. Hooper
(Foundation
Governor)**
- **Ms Maureen
O'Donoghue
(Foundation
Governor)**

We would, however, particularly like to thank our contractor Borrás for the way they have managed the site and completed the works on time, to the local authority for their continued support on this road to expansion, to Pick Everard the consultants who continue to plan for and oversee the complete expansion project and to Father Stewart and his family who, because of the way the site had to be accessed, have had to put up with considerable noise and disruption.

You will know that the second phase will begin over the summer and it is our hope that that will proceed equally well. Of course whatever the disruption we must praise God that after so many years of trying we are now able to offer a catholic education to so many more children. We can now look forward to a well earned rest as the summer break approaches and we can only hope the weather improves.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Marsh, his senior leadership team and the whole school staff for their endeavours throughout the year.

We thank the PTA for the immense work they do, not only raising much needed funds, but also organising events for all to enjoy.

The end of term is also a time to say goodbye; firstly to our Year 6 pupils who have given so much to the life of Saint Mary's but will soon embark on the next stage of their education. We wish them every success in their secondary school and way into the future.

To our staff, Mrs Mascarenhas and Miss Donnelly, who will be leaving to take on new challenges elsewhere. We thank them for their hard work and enthusiasm. And finally to all parents who will be leaving the school for the last time, thank you for all the support you have given the school over many years. Enjoy the holidays, we look forward to seeing you rested and raring to go in the Autumn term.

God bless you all.

Jacqui Corley

Our school family at St Mary's wants this to be a safe, caring, creative and happy place, where we all have a fair chance to learn and grow together and to do the best we can.

We do this by knowing and loving Jesus more and more everyday and by following his teachings in a joyful way.