

Governors' Newsletter

SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SUMMER 2017

What have we done in 2016-17?

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- Policies, procedures and risk assessments reviewed and ratified throughout the year
- Monitoring link visits to every class conducted throughout the year
- School budget managed and approved
- New school website
- NOV 2016: Diocesan RE Inspection – our school was rated **GOOD**
- MAR 2017: OFSTED Inspection – our school was rated **GOOD**
- NSPCC Childline invited to give assemblies in school
- Worry Boxes for use by all children
- Lettings and hire to generate funds for school
- Health and Safety monitoring
- School data monitoring
- Staff pay and appraisal monitoring

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends:

Welcome to the Governors' Summer Newsletter of 2017. As we approach the end of the summer term, we reflect on what has been another busy and fulfilling academic year (see left), and also on some significant farewells that will be said at the end of this week.

Year 6

Our Year 6 students have done us proud with their SATS results this year, along with their hugely enjoyable 'The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan' play, performed to rapturous applause last week. The Governors wish to thank our Year 6 families for their support during their time at St Albert's. We extend to all families moving on from St Albert's, our very best wishes for the next stage of their life journey.

Staff and Governor Changes

IN RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENT SERVICE:

The governors would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Thomas for leading our Year 1 class so ably for the Spring and Summer terms; and to Miss Davey for her hard work and dedication to our Year 2 class this year. You will both be missed and we are sad to see you go! We wish you well in all your future endeavours.

The governing body also wishes to thank Father Derek for his service to the school as a Foundation Governor and Priest. He has been a valued member of the Governing Body and will be sorely missed by all governors. The whole school community has enjoyed celebrating Mass with him and the staff and children will miss his kindness, his sense of humour and his guidance in our faith journey.

At our recent Full Governing Body meeting, the governors were pleased to confirm Mr Gary Lewis and Mrs Wendy Mander for another term of service as Foundation Governors. We thank them for their ongoing support to the school.

NEW BEGINNINGS:

The governors are pleased to welcome Jane Berrington to the school staff in the role of caretaker.

Thank you

The Governors wish to thank all our school staff for their hard work and dedication to the students this year. In particular, we would like to commend Mrs Anderton for implementing an improved strategy for Year 6 this year, and for leading her team so ably in this task. This year's SATS results are testament to the hard work not only of the students, but also of Mrs Anderton, Mrs Adams, Miss Kelliher, Mrs Mander (Foundation Governor) and all teachers who gave up their lunch breaks to teach 'Booster Groups'. What a team!

To all our members of staff who work so hard every day to engage the children in their learning and to provide a safe space for them in which to thrive, please accept our thanks. To our families who show their support for learning by getting their children to school on time, in the correct uniform, reading at home, engaging with homework, and being respectful members of our community: thank you! Your role in your child's education and in our school community is valuable and appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of the Full Governing Body, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful summer break.

With best wishes,

Debra Gee
(Chair of Governors)

Autumn Term 2017

- Welcome to our new students, families and members of staff.
- Diocese of Westminster Academy Programme: "The Diocesan Trustees met to discuss the next steps in the Academy Policy formation for diocesan schools. The work is ongoing and will involve key stakeholders coming together to discuss the possibilities and opportunities academies can bring to our family of schools." The governors will be engaging with this process.
- Governors Annual Cycle of Work
- The governors are committed to working in partnership with parents, and welcome parent feedback and support. We encourage parents to complete the OFSTED Parent Voice questionnaire (please see link on website under Parent tab).

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PLEASE NOTE:

Our school community prides itself on being inclusive and respectful of others.

Please ensure that all interactions with staff, students and parents are conducted in a respectful manner, as verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated in our school.