

Governors' Newsletter

SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

AUTUMN 2017

Your school governors

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The governing body consists of 12 governors (4 of whom have children at our school)

There are different categories of governors:

Local Authority (LA), Parent (P), Staff (S), Foundation (F) (appointed by Diocese of Westminster) and Associate (A).

Chair of Govs: Debra Gee (P)

Vice Chair: Alison Spice (F)

Headteacher: Kathy Little (S)

Staff: Leanne Turp

LA: Wendy Goodinson

Parent: Martin Durrant

Foundation: Valerie

Fitzpatrick, Fr. Kim Addison, Gary Lewis, Wendy Mander, Michael Stothard

Associate: Frances Stickleby

Please see the website for full governor profiles

TERMS OF OFFICE:

Foundation – 3 years

All others – 4 years

All governors serve the school in a voluntary capacity.

Greetings from the governors

Welcome to the Governors newsletter. We trust that you have all had an exciting and productive autumn term and are looking forward to a relaxing Christmas break.

Governors hope that, via these newsletters, you will enjoy learning more about our roles and how we are working to improve the educational opportunities for every child in our school.

Staff and Governor changes

IN RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENT SERVICE:

This term we say goodbye to two members of our teaching staff as they leave us to follow exciting new steps in their careers. The governors would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Gibson and Mrs Wickens for their wonderful service to our school over so many years. We are grateful for the many ways in which you have enriched the lives of the students you have taught over the years, and hope that your time at St Albert's serves you well as you embark on the next stage in your careers. We wish you every success!

NEW BEGINNINGS:

The Governors would like to wish Mrs Turp all the very best for her maternity leave, which starts at the end of this term. Mrs Turp is not only valued within our school as the FS1 teacher but also as Staff Governor, and we are very pleased to know that she will continue to serve as a governor during her maternity leave. Our thoughts are with her and her family at this very exciting time.

Governors are also pleased to announce an expanded role for Mrs Tompkins in our school office who, along with her existing financial duties, has taken on HR and managerial responsibilities in her new role as Finance and HR Administrator.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Wilson and Mrs Anderton, who both interviewed successfully for the role of Acting Assistant Head Teacher for the Spring and Summer Terms 2018. This is an exciting development, which we feel sure will benefit the school as a whole.

Thank you

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank all parents, staff and children for their hard work and energy this term (including you intrepid souls who took up snow shovels to clear paths this week!). Working together is the best way to support our young people in their learning, and to help them to become responsible, resilient and remarkable young people.

If you have any concerns about your child's progress in school, please always speak with your class teacher in the first instance. Please contact the office if you'd like to make an appointment.

TEACHER ➡ HEAD TEACHER ➡ GOVERNORS

Governors have special responsibilities, some of which include being linked to a specific year group. Governors aim to conduct at least one classroom visit per term. Governors also aim to attend school functions where possible, and can be contacted via the school office or directly via email: governors@albertthegreat.herts.sch.uk

PLEASE NOTE:

Our school community prides itself on being inclusive and respectful of others. Please ensure that all interactions with staff (and other parents) are conducted in a respectful manner, as verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated in our school.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you all a blessed Christmas!

Debra Gee

Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Governing Body

Spring and Summer Terms 2018 – Governor Focus

- Diocese of Westminster Academy Programme: "In October 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 this term to discuss the possibilities and opportunities academies can bring to our family of schools." The governors will be engaging with this process.
- 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).
- Ongoing policy reviews and budget management