

St Mary's Catholic Primary School



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and love'*

Governor Newsletter

Summer Term 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The governors would like to thank you for all your support you have shown the school over the year. It has been a year of lots of changes with the new curriculum now being taught in all classes and the new assessments in place.

This year we had the 'Puzzles with Parents Afternoon' when parents spent time working with their children in the classes trying to solve mathematical problems. The PTA also had refreshments in the hall and there were opportunities for parents to look at mathematical resources and to talk to each other. We also had similar events in Early Years when parents came in and spent time with their children in class. The feedback from these events was very positive and we would like to do more events next term and throughout the year. Early in September we will be surveying parents to ask about their ideas for similar events and also curriculum areas they may wish to have more information or support with.

At the start of next term we will be having 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for all parents to come and find out more about routines and curriculum in their child's class, please read the school newsletter on Friday 15/07/16 for dates. As a school we wish to continually improve communication with parents and carers to help us to all work together to support the children.

Governors Fund

Thank you very much for all the contribution to the governor's fund over the year. This fund is essential to enable St. Mary's to do any improvements to the school as we have to contribute 10% of the total cost for building works. St. Mary's only get 90% of the cost in grant applications to complete large work projects. Some of the projects the money has contributed to over the years has helped pay for the building extension, a new roof, internal building works, entrance improvements and the playground extension project.

The governors have never increased the amount of voluntary contribution we suggest parents give each term for well over ten years. St. Mary's also asks for a voluntary contribution which a lot less than many schools. As a result of rising costs we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £15 a term or £30 a term if you have two or more children in the school. Thank you very much for your continued support in helping develop the St. Mary's learning environment for the children.

Safeguarding Concerns

The governors have a lot of concerns over younger children being left by their parents outside school in the morning without adult supervision. Younger children should not be left outside school without an adult. This is a safeguarding issue and the school will be contacting parents if there is a repeat of this in the autumn term.

School Development Plan Update

Mathematics

Over the year we have been working on the new curriculum and staff have had a lot of training on helping children develop their reasoning skills and problem solving. Reasoning and problem solving is built into daily lessons across the school. The results from all submitted Key Stage Two SATs showed all children met the age related expectations in Mathematics. The new curriculum is fully embedded and we now have new weekly targets children work towards achieving in mathematics. Also thank you for all your support raising money for mathematics through the sponsored times tables. This is being spent on greatly needed mathematical resources.

Prayer Life

Each class now begins the day with music and quiet reflection time and prayer. Children are becoming more involved in liturgical celebrations. As a school we focussed on 'The Year of Mercy'.

Assessment

Over the year we have carried out different assessments across the school and we developed pupil progress meetings to ensure they are effectively tracking all children ensuring clear action is in place to support children with their learning. Now at the end of the year we have clear progress measures for the new curriculum and we also have a new assessment programme in place for next year. Staff have been involved in moderation of

Below are some pictures from the many events we had at St. Mary's over the year. We have had visits from the Mayor of Hillingdon to the Mayor of London. The children had many educational visits; we did a lot on 'The Year of Mercy' and we have tried to increase sporting events including getting ready for the Olympics. Please check the website to see more pictures and information.

Thank you for your continued support



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The governors would like to thank all the members of the PTA who organised the summer fete for all their hard work. It was a fantastic success and helped raise a lot of money for the school.

The governors would like to also thank all the school community who helped with the fete for all your hard work and support for the school.

It was a great day that raised a lot of much needed money for the school as well as bringing the whole school community both past and present together.

