



Governors' Newsletter

December 2019

School Governors

The Governing Body consists of eleven Governors. There are four categories of governor: Foundation, Staff, Parent, Local Authority.

Foundation Governors

Maria Butchart - Chair
Mary Heffernan - Vice chair
Michael Devlin
Rena Prindiville
Debbie Bailey
Clare Bowers

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese of Westminster.

Headteacher

Mrs. Smith

Local Authority Governor

Adrian Wesley

Parent Governor

Siobhan Scambler
Natalie Wheeler

Staff Governor

Karen Gallaher

Associate members

Jacque Sheridan
Doug Munro
Fr Brian McMahon

Associate members are not governors but are invited to sit on a committee because they have specific skills. The term of office for all governors is four years and the Governors are all volunteers. More information about the Governing Body can be found on the school website under Parent Information.

Autumn Term

The first term of the school year is always very busy. We have welcomed new teaching staff and support staff to the school and most importantly an enthusiastic Year 3. The Governors' are always impressed by the pupils' attitude to their school work as well as their participation in every aspect of school life be it playing a musical instrument, being a buddy, part of a sports team or the desire to help others in school or in the wider community. Thank you parents and carers for supporting your children in their endeavours.

Work of the Governors

After the initial Business Meeting (new this year) the Governors have attended regular termly committee meetings. To carry out its role effectively the governing body needs to have a good understanding of the school. One way to do this is to visit the school during the day and talk to staff and pupils. Termly visits are arranged and this term the Governors took part in a learning walk, a pupil voice session and feedback to the Senior Leadership Team. The purpose of the learning walk is to observe school life in action, there is always a focus for any visit and this term it was on the Catholic Life of the school.

Visits by the Governors also include attending school masses, and the Year 3 Welcome Mass was a lovely opportunity to see the Year 3 pupils and their buddies being introduced to the rest of the school. Other Governor visits included the consultation evenings, the Open Evening for prospective pupils for 2020 and school Christmas performances. This term it was Jesus' Christmas Party and the children were delightful, it was a lovely way to finish the term.

A quick mention for The Parents Association

The Parents Association are always looking for volunteers to attend meetings and to share the work involved in organising fundraising events – the money from which goes to support your children. If you feel that this is something you would like to be part of or would like more information, please contact Sandra McDonnell email: smcdonnell27@gmail.com /07754955665

Building Fund

The maintenance of the school buildings is an ongoing process and the Governing Body has to contribute 10% of the cost of any work that is carried out. If you feel that you could donate to the Building Fund either as a one off payment or monthly by standing order, please visit the school website for more information: <http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/school-info/governing-body/welcome/>

And finally....

The Governing Body would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Smith, her staff, and all the pupils, for their hard work this term. We would also like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Maria Butchart

Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Governing Body