



Governors' Newsletter

Autumn Term December 2022

School Governors

The Governing Body consists of thirteen Governors.

Foundation Governors

Are appointed by the Diocese of Westminster

Maria Butchart - Chair

Mary Heffernan - Vice chair

Clare Bowers

Debbie Bailey

Michael Devlin

Sheila Onwudiwe

Ivonne Reina

Headteacher

Alex Sallis

Local Authority Governor

Niall Moten

Parent Governors

Siobhan Scambler

Paul Ambridge

Staff Governor

Elizabeth Welch

Co-opted Governor

Gareth Jones

More information about the Governing Body can be found on the school website.

Dear Parents and carers

The Autumn term is always a long one and there is no doubt that all pupils and staff are ready for a break. The past week has seen the excitement of snow before Christmas and a day off school as most roads were unpassable. Parents and carers braved the snowy conditions to enjoy the lovely singing of Years 3 and 4 performing in the Christmas concert. The week culminated - not with England playing in the world cup final (maybe next time) but with children from St Cuthbert Mayne performing a selection of Christmas songs for the elderly guests at the Caritas Christmas Afternoon Tea at Our Lady's of All Creation. A big thank you to all the musicians and singers, the guests really enjoyed the performance.

The Governor Role

These newsletters are an opportunity to let parents and carers know about the work of the governors. The role of governor is that of a professional volunteer and all those elected or appointed are expected to fulfil their duties in line with the seven principles of public life (the Nolan principles). It is important that governors are provided with training and support in their role as a school governor to enable the Governing Body to work effectively together.

What do the Governors do?

This term the Finance, Pay and Premises committee have met to review and monitor the school's budget – the income and expenditure of the school. The governors receive regular monitoring reports that highlight differences between budgeted and actual income and expenditure of the school. It is one of the core roles of the Governing Body.

The Catholic Life and Curriculum Committee's role is to review the Catholic Life of the school and ensure that religious education plays a full part in the everyday experiences of the pupils. The committee also monitors progress and attainment and considers the quality of teaching and the curriculum provision offered to the children. Governors have been able to meet with subject leaders this term to find out about their subject and how it is taught. This information is shared with all governors through reports back to committees.

Finally

On behalf of the governors, I would like to say thank you to the headteacher, Mr Sallis and the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Welch, for all their hard work in their first term in their new roles. Also, a big thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication. We would like to wish all staff, pupils, and parents and carers a very Merry Christmas.

Best wishes

Maria Butchart,

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body.

Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus