



*"We learn together, we play together, we pray together,
we grow together in the love of God"*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you as Acting Chair.

Due to immense work pressures, Alan Crossan has now stepped down from his role as the Chair of Governors. Alan's hard work and dedication led the school through a challenging academic year and the successful recruitment of a substantive Headteacher in Mrs O'Melia and Deputy Head in Mr Troy. Alan's support and expertise as Chair of the Premises Committee has also been invaluable and we thank him for all his hard work over the last three years and wish him well for the future.

The Governors will convene in the second week of the new academic year to elect a new Chair of the Board.

Once again it has been a wonderful year of progress for St Theresa's. Challenge Partners attended the school during the Spring term and rated St Theresa's as 'Outstanding'. I would like to thank Mrs O'Melia, Mr Troy, the senior leadership team and the rest of the teaching staff for this wonderful achievement earned through their dedication, hard work and commitment to the school. During the Summer term, our Reception team were also awarded 'Outstanding' through a moderation process carried out by the local authority. These achievements are a great indication of the amazing progress the school continues to make.

This year we sadly bid a fond farewell to some members of the St Theresa's family. Miss Reilly leaves us to take up a new post at St Catherine's, Miss Gurevitz returns to America, Mrs Solari moves to a new post and Hannah Butler one of our Mealtime Supervisor is changing careers to become a Teaching Assistant. Such is the influence of the teaching staff here.

We thank them all for the care, hard work and love they have brought to the school. I am aware from discussions in school with various teachers and pupils, that all will be greatly missed.

Unfortunately, we have been unsuccessful in recruiting the correct calibre of teachers for Year 5 Blue. In the interim Mr Troy and Miss Higgins will take responsibility for teaching this class as we work to secure a suitable teacher in the Autumn term.

I would also like to express my gratitude:

First to The Friends of St Theresa's, for their continued unwavering support of the school. Their amazing work and organisation, coupled with the support they received from children and parents, helped them raise over £5,500 at the summer fair. The money raised will be used to fund the purchase of new laptops for the school.

And to Mrs Pears from Blessed Dominic School, for her interim role as St Theresa's Executive Headteacher. Her support was greatly appreciated.

Finally a huge thank you to all the staff, for their hard work and continued efforts this year in moving our school forward and obtaining a rating of Outstanding from Challenge Partners. A well-earned summer break beckons.

Good luck to all our Year 6 pupils who will be leaving us this week to start a new life with new friends at their new school. We all wish you good luck in your new secondary schools. We hope you continue to be enthusiastic, thoughtful and reliable; components in life we all benefit from on a daily basis. Don't forget your old friends at St Theresa's, please stay in touch and visit us over the coming years!

This year we celebrated St Theresa's Golden Jubilee with many events held over the last year and we hope you all enjoyed them as much as we have.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank you all for your support this year. Have a wonderful summer break, we look forward to seeing you all in September.

God Bless and best wishes,

Ony Ogodazi **Acting Chair of Governors**

Your School Governors are...

Acting Chair of Governors: Ony Ogodazi (Parent Governor)

Vice Chair of Governors: Margaret Cronin (Foundation Governor)

Foundation Governors: Fr John Dermody, Sheena Varnarva and Gerry Costello

Local Authority Governor: Tony Shotton

Staff Governors: Linda O'Melia and James Troy

Associate members: Joe Brohan, Christine Fleming and Jean-Marc Evans

How to contact us.....

If you would like to contact the Chair of Governors please do so in writing via the school office. Envelopes should be addressed to the Chair of Governors.

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