



# Governors Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close I have taken the time to pause and reflect on the year that was. St Theresa's school has taken another giant step forwards. Whether we look to academic progress or achievement, participation or achievement in sports and music - there is abundance everywhere.

The progress that each of our children have made this year has been brought about by the committed and determined Headteacher and staff supported by the wider community of parents, class reps and the Friends. While implementing the new national curriculum, where goal posts have moved and standards have once again risen, the staff have united tirelessly in the pursuit of excellence. They have done this while keeping up a positive and upbeat attitude that been maintained all year. Their advocacy for your children is demonstrated in every evening and weekend they have sacrificed since September. We are all indebted to their commitment.

An open and honest reflection of the year also points to some aspirations that were not met; some disappointments that we had to bear; some challenges that we had to overcome. As testing as this has been I believe that we exit the year a little bit stronger, a little bit wiser and better prepared for the year ahead.

I feel fortunate to be part of this community, to have witnessed how the community pulls together in the face of adversity. I want to congratulate all of the children and the staff for their phenomenal work ethic and generosity of spirit. I also want to thank all of you for your contribution in supporting the school.

"Bon voyage" to Year 6 leavers and their families. To everyone else, I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and a huge thank you in advance to all who will be over-seeing building works at the school throughout the summer break.

Best wishes

Dr Peter Carroll

#### **Parent School handbook – 'for parents, by parents':**

This initiative has made great progress and the school handbook is on schedule to be published at the beginning of September. Well done to those involved and thank you for your contribution.

#### **The team that is our staff:**

With some sadness we say au revoir, but not goodbye, to some members of our extended family. You leave us in a better place than when you joined us. To each of you, a warm and heartfelt "Thank you" and "fare you well".

#### **Your school Governors are...**

**Chair of Governors:** Dr Peter Carroll

**Vice Chair of Governors:** Kevin Omar

**Foundation Governors:** Gerry Costello - Fr John Dermody – Maura Docherty – Christine Fleming – Jane Goring – Lisa Sturley

**Parent Governors:** Alan Crossan – Jean-Marc Evans – Ony Ogodazi

**Staff Governors:** Maureen Kelly - Georgia Reilly - Curtis Sweetingham

#### **How to contact us.....**

If you would like to contact the Chair of Governors please do so in writing, via the school office, addressing the envelope to the Chair of Governors

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