

ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)



Governors' Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022

Welcome

The governing board of St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School welcome our new and old pupils, parents/carers and staff. We hope you all had a restful summer holiday and looking forward to an exciting Autumn 2022 term!

Governing Board Focus

As governors, our main priorities remain to,

1. Ensure that learning and behaviour standards are outstanding and attainable by the children.
2. Ensure that the pastoral care of the pupils is outstanding.
3. Support the school in achieving its set aims and objectives.
4. Ensure best practices across board in the school.
5. Support periodic review of existing policies and set targets.
6. Ensure that new policies are in place and in line with regulatory requirement.
7. Be a critical friend to the head teacher and management staff.
8. Through active communication with governors and staff, share improvement ideas and solve problems.
9. Encourage on-going training for teachers, parents/carers and governors.
10. Promote equality, inclusion and safeguarding of pupils and staff.

Additionally, we will work seamlessly with SJF's leadership team to ensure that everyone complies with the school's health and safety policies.

Training

Governors have continued to access on-line trainings to keep abreast of relevant regulatory and statutory policies.

What we ask of you is to regularly visit the school's website, to update yourselves with information on statutory policies and school activities. You can also follow the school's activities on twitter [@stjohnfishercps](https://twitter.com/stjohnfishercps).

Meetings held by the governing board.

In the last term, we held a general governing board meeting. Our Curriculum and Resources committees also held their meetings. We will continue to hold these meetings as scheduled.

Link Governors

Link governors will continue to work proactively with the school's key staff in the following areas:

- Safeguarding
- Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Pupil premium
- Health and Safety
- Training

School Activities

Last term was a very busy one!

Year 6 completed their SATs, which we know they all worked very hard for – we are proud of how hard they worked and the amazing levels of attainment achieved by all.

Our KS1 SATs (Year 2) were equally as impressive – showing how much hard work and determination helped them to achieve their goals.

Year 4 Multiplication Check – once again amazing results from the children – Well Done!

Year 1 phonics – Fantastic results!

EYFS – our youngest pupils really have set themselves up for an amazing future of learning with the amazing progress they made.

We celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen, Queen Elizabeth II. In preparation for the celebrations the children took part in various fun activities, created a school display, made bunting, painted memory stones, iced biscuits and created a new flower garden. They also came to school wearing red, white and blue.

Other whole school activities were the sleepover and the Water Fun Day. Open evenings took place also.

The Year 6 had their Leavers Assembly. We wish them all the best as they start secondary school as Year 7 pupils and we will miss each and every one of them.

Health and Safety

Over the last term we experienced record breaking temperatures, we took measures to ensure the safety of the children and staff during the heatwave.

Punctuality/Attendance

Our school's aim is to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality. As governors, we remain resolute in working with the school to achieve this. We encourage parents and carers to work in partnership with us to ensure that their child(ren) come to school daily and are **punctual**.

Parking

Governors continue to closely monitor the parking situation outside our school gates. We advise parents/carers to comply with the parking regulations for the safety of our children and members of our community. We also encourage our pupils to walk to school. Remember, we are role models for our children.

Best regards,

Esther Phillips
Chair of Governors