



Governors' Newsletter – Summer Term 2023

Welcome

Dear pupils, staff, parents, carers and members of our community, welcome back from the Easter Holidays! We hope you all had a restful holiday and looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

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, followed by a Learning Walk. 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

It was a very busy and exciting term. The children took part in the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD. It was an amazing achievement and we managed to raise £500 in donations.

All Year groups took part in the Easter Egg rolling activities and the Easter Bonnet parade which they all enjoyed.

We were able to come together to watch our Easter play 'Resurrection Rock' which was led by Year 5 who showcased their amazing acting skills. Year 4 and Year 6 also took part and sang wonderfully. Well done to them all.

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 and show awareness of the parking regulations and offences. As these can be hazardous and breach Health and Safety for 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