

# ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SJF)



## Governors' Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

### 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 2023 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/ 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. These committee meetings are an opportunity for us to look with greater depth and breadth the two key areas in the management and running of the school. 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 flew by as it was a very busy one!

Year 6 successfully completed their SATs, showcasing their dedication and hard work. We take great pride in their exceptional levels of attainment and commend all of their efforts. We would like to thank all the staff and the parents for preparing and supporting them over the years to achieve their goals.

Well done to Year 4 in completing their Multiplication Check, once again amazing results.

Fantastic results for the Year 1 phonics, they worked so hard.

EYFS - our youngest pupils have made incredible progress, setting a solid foundation for their future learning.

Whole school activities were the KS2 Production, Pirates of the Curry Bean. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 put on an exemplary performance and had everyone in fits of laughter.

We celebrated Bastille Day where the children wore Red, White and Blue. This day was to show the children what they have learnt in Modern Foreign Languages.

At St. John Fisher the whole school and Year 6 sleepover took place as well as Open Evenings.

We said Goodbye to the following staff: Miss Sholade, Mrs Alabi and Mrs Englehardt who left for pastures new. We thank them for their contribution to SJF and we wish them well.

It was with great sadness that we also said Goodbye to Mrs Jackson. She will be deeply missed by staff, children and parents as has she been an integral part of the school since 2005 and will always be a part of the St John Fisher family.

The Year 6 had their Leavers and Prize Giving 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**

We had to make the decision to stop the Sports Day due to the rain which resulted in the field being slippery. A few hours later we were happy to announce that we were able to restart the Sports Day due to the weather improving.

## **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**