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Primary & Nursery School

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GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

"With God in our hearts, we learn and grow together, on our journey through life"

Welcome everyone

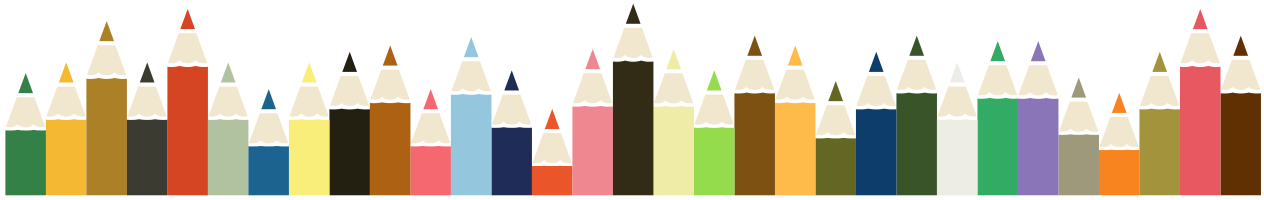
Dear parents, carers, and staff, it is the end of another academic year. During the past twelve months, we have all learnt to adapt to a new way of learning and growth, thank you to each and every one of you for your continued support as we ensure that safety within the school remains our priority.

Well done to all the children on their hard work this year, you have all adapted wonderfully to home learning and it has been a delight to have you back in school and in the classroom with your teachers. It has been a challenging fifteen months, and you should all be as incredibly proud of your achievements as we are.

Farewells and welcomes

The school will be seeing several changes in the new academic year this September. After seven successful years at St Joseph's we say goodbye to our Headteacher Mrs Keefe. During her time with us, she has been an invaluable support to both staff and parents as well as continuing the success and development of our school and its pupils. Everyone at the school would like to wish her every success and happiness as she embarks on a new chapter in her career. Our Early Years Lead, Mrs Jones, will also be leaving after fifteen incredible years with us. Mrs Jones has been a warm and welcoming face to many of our new parents and pupils. She is a well loved member of our school community and will be greatly missed by us all.

In addition, the Governors would like to say goodbye to several members of the Governing Body, Naomi Clarke, Laura Brazier, Martin Paes, Elaine Burnett and Kenneth Kehoe, and welcome both Maxime Yao and Melanie Flory to the team.



Committee updates:

Curriculum & achievement sub-committee:

There is a very deep and passionate commitment from all the teaching staff to assist all the children to achieve and progress. There is a whole school focus on reading and developing vocabulary to support progress in writing, with work on the new curriculum well under way.

Children, Families & community sub-committee:

The school continues to develop links within the local community and with the parish of St Raphael.

Finance & resource sub-committee:

The school is in a healthy financial position, which has allowed us to spend £60,000 on additional IT and non-IT learning resources which directly impact on the children's learning, as well upgrading various aspects of the school premises. The school is expected to have a healthy reserve at the end of 2021/22 which will help us manage risks to funding in future years.

A big thank you to all parents who have been able to support the school through the governors fund. If you'd like to know more about the school's finances, please get in touch with the school office.

Vacancy on the Governing body

We are currently looking for a Local Authority Governor with specific skill sets in the legal and property sectors. If you, or someone you know are interested in this role, please email the school office with your details.

Last but certainly not least

Our Parent Governors, Christine Bou Saleh and Brenda Prag would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the parents to thank all the staff at St Joseph's for the dedication and commitment to the children and families. Our Year 6 children will leave with endless memories and a solid foundation to continue on their academic journeys.

To all the staff this year, who have worked remotely and within the school, your passion for teaching and hard work has not gone unnoticed. On behalf of the Governors and the parents, thank you for all that you do.

