

# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School



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## **Governors Newsletter – End of Year Report July 2016**

Welcome to the Governors' newsletter for the school year ending July 2016.

As the school year draws to a close, we would like wish you all a lovely summer and an opportunity to rest or enjoy a holiday!

The year commenced with Mr McNicholas taking on the role as our new Headteacher, he settled with ease into the school and has introduced many new and exciting initiatives such as a new maths scheme; Maths No Problem, literacy scheme; Cornerstones, and a broad range of after school clubs. Additionally the classrooms have had a spring clean, our website has had an overhaul, and the school logo and uniform have been updated!

I think we can all really see the positive changes and wholeheartedly thank Mr Mc Nicholas for his hard work and dedication in helping us make St John Vianney a great school and we support him in continuing with his work!

We say goodbye to Year 6 as they leave for secondary school and we especially want to wish them and their parents well as they go on to the next stage of their education.

We also say goodbye and thank you to Ms Whyte, Ms Patel, Mrs Bracaliello, Mrs Cadogan and Mr Swanson as they leave us and move onto new things. Greta Alfonso decided to step down as Clerk to the Governing body and we thank her for all she has done for us over the years. The Governors appointed a new Clerk and we welcomed Jennifer Ude on board in this capacity from September onwards.

<b>MEMBERSHIP Academic Year 2015 - 2016</b>	
<b><u>Local Authority Governor: (1)</u></b> Steve Gediking	<b><u>Foundation Governors: (7)</u></b> Glen D'Souza Susan Goddard <b>Chair</b> Revd. Kassa Tsegaye Mary Monaghan Fr. Joe Ryan <i>Vacancy x 2</i>
<b><u>Staff Governors: (2)</u></b> Stephen McNicholas (Headteacher) <i>ex officio</i> Bhasmita Patel	<b><u>Parent Governors: (2)</u></b> Eoin Hourigan Natasha Marroni <b>Vice Chair</b>
<b><u>Associate Members: (3)</u></b> Susan Griffin Grace Hussey [now stepped down] Edward McBeath	<b><u>Clerk</u></b> Jennifer Ude, Governing Body Clerk, Haringey London Governor Services

Parent Governor elections are next due in April 2019 but can be held sooner should the current governors step down.

We are keen to fill the current vacancy for a foundation governor. If you or anyone you know might be interested in fulfilling this vital governance role please contact the school to obtain further information.

Staff elections will be held early September to fill the Ms Patel's vacancy.

Associate Governors do not have voting rights but bring a lot of knowledge and skills and provide valuable advice and guidance. Grace Husey will be stepping down at the end of the year and we thank her for input over the year. If you feel you have any specialist skills that you could bring to the Governing Body please contact the school and we would be happy to discuss it with you.

Following the Ofsted inspection in spring 2015 it was recommended the Governors have an independent review, one of the suggestions was that we re-organise our committee structure.

So we undertook the structuring at the start of the school year and now have two sub-committees:

- Resources Committee
- School Improvement Committee

The Resources Committee looks after all matters to do with Finance, Premises, Health and Safety and HR. It looks after the school's budget and approves major spending. The budget is currently showing a deficit for the financial year 2016/17 but this is offset by a surplus being brought forward from last year. This is unlikely to be possible in future years and austerity continues to bite and so the Governors have approved changes proposed by the Head Teacher regarding a re-structuring of the school's staffing structure. The Governors also approved the letting of a new contract for the provision of catering services.

The School Improvement Committee looks after Curriculum, Admissions, Performance and Outcomes. The School Improvement Committee will monitor the introduction of the new curriculum and have been busy updating the School's Admissions policy. This committee also keeps a close eye on pupil attainments, which was the main area of concern in the Ofsted Report and it is good to know there have been significant progress in this area following a lot of hard work on the part of the Head teacher and his staff.

As well as attending full Governing Body meetings, Governors attend one or both of the sub committees and also have other individual responsibilities such as health and Safety coordinator, Safeguarding and SEN (special educational needs).

Governors also have designated link roles; such as literacy link, maths link and safeguarding and regularly visit the school for updates related to their individual link topics which then report back to the governing body.

Governors also attend various training courses throughout the year, some held at the Haringey professional development centre and other bespoke sessions held just for us at the school. Among the topics covered have been safeguarding, pupil premium.

Among their many activities during the year, Governors attended the health and safety walk rounds / audit and also reviewed and approved a raft of new policies on such things as HR, SEN, pay, equality, etc. as well as having an input to the School Development plan and self evaluation form. All Governors are required to be DBS checked.

Finally not only do we want to thank all the staff for their excellent work in enabling our children to achieve fantastic end of year results; particularly with in light of the changes introduced with new curriculum and

*Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts...*

marking regime for SATs. We would also like to thank the Friends of SJV for all their great work throughout the year in putting on fun and enriching events for the children and parents.

We hope you all enjoy the summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

SJV Governors

July 2016

*"In our school children, staff, parents and carers, governors and parish will work together to create a caring, learning environment with Our Lord as the focal point in which each child is valued as an individual, nurtured and encouraged to fulfil his/her potential."*