

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

# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw towards the end of this academic year, I wanted to take the time to briefly reflect on this year and to look forward to the next.

It has been an extremely busy, but rewarding, year and I'd like to thank the whole community for their part in that – believe me, everyone has played their role admirably.

## **Results for 2017:**

Over the last few weeks, the school's results have been gradually building up and last Tuesday, as you will have heard, the SATs results for KS2 were published. So now we have a fuller, more official, picture of our achievements.

I am delighted to report that the school continues to go from strength to strength – last year, we were all extremely pleased with the pupils' outcomes, particularly given the new tougher testing at KS1 and KS2, and this year the boys and girls of SJV have eclipsed them! Our pupils' achievements comfortably exceed the performance of schools both locally and nationally, at all levels: Early Years, Phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATs.

A huge 'well done' to all of our brilliant children and to the diligence and skill of the staff that so ably supported them throughout.

## **Staffing:**

You will have seen from the recent newsletters that staffing for next year is stable. Classes have been established and pupils have met their new teachers, already familiar to them I am sure.

In terms of leadership, and from time to time, it is necessary that schools support each other. We, as a school community, over the last two years have enjoyed the support of schools around us, particularly those from the community of the Diocese of Westminster. St. Mary's, St. Francis de Sales and Our Lady of Muswell have all provided invaluable support and have contributed to our efforts to improve.

It is from this position of strength that we are now able to support others. The Diocese has asked that I provide Executive Head support to St. Bernadette Catholic Primary in London Colney from September to February of next year. The school has a new leadership team and has an exciting few years ahead of them.

*"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."*

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However, the substantive Headteacher commences maternity leave at the end of this term, so it has been agreed that we provide support for them in this transition period.

Clearly, and importantly, I remain Headteacher of St. John Vianney, spending the majority of my time here as usual. The Governors and I believe that we have the capacity at SJV to be able to provide this support at this time and we are willing and proud to do so. On the days that I am off-site, Mrs. Kennedy will fulfil the role of Acting Headteacher and Mr. Quin will support her in the capacity of Acting Assistant Headteacher. I am more than confident that this arrangement will be successful and trust that you will all see and appreciate the benefits for all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

S. McNicholas  
Headteacher