

St Mary's Junior School Governor Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Governing Body (GB) of St Mary's School. We aim to keep you up-to-date on the work that the Governors do to support St Mary's children and staff.



SATS results: Congratulations to Year 6 on their fantastic results, which exceeded the targets identified in the school improvement plan, and are a tribute to the hard work put in by the children and staff throughout their time at St Mary's. We are pleased that our level 5 results are likely to be well above both National and Hertfordshire averages with Maths at 50%, Reading at 65% and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling at 75%. A full breakdown of our results can be found in the curriculum section of our school website. Further exploration will take place to evaluate the attainment and progress of various groups of children, for example, by gender, ethnicity, ability and pupil premium funding. This analysis will help to determine some of the priorities in next year's school improvement plan.



School Policy Reviews:

- ✚ Performance Appraisal
- ✚ Midday Supervision
- ✚ Leave of Absence
- ✚ Pay
- ✚ Home-School Agreement
- ✚ E-safety
- ✚ Financial Procedures - contracting



Budget Approval Governors formally approved the budget this term. A key feature of this year's budget is the provision for a new combined curriculum and office server to be installed this summer, along with upgraded WiFi routers to support 32 new pupil laptops and 13 new teacher laptops.



Associate Members

Deborah Johnson will be joining our Learning & Teaching Committee from the next academic year. Thanks to David Atkins for his work; David is stepping down.

With many thanks to Gary Newlands (ICT support) and Sarah Gilliver (Deputy Head) for their hard work behind the scenes, ensuring we got great value.



Monitoring Visits Each Governor is linked to monitor an area of priority for the school. The following meetings took place this term:

| Priority Area | Governor | Staff |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| ICT | Tony Gibbons | Sarah Gilliver |
| Safeguarding | Celia Higson | Andy Cosslett |
| Special Educational Needs | Margaret Meldrum | Alison George |
| Finance | Dan Smith | Joanne Scripps |
| Health & Safety | Kathy Freeman | Graeme Wrenn |
| Pupil Premium Funding | Anna Black | Andy Cosslett |
| Writing | Karen Laudato | Clare Thorne |
| PE | Jane McCutcheon | Laura Blair |
| Homework | Liz Gore | Sarah Gilliver |



Catering Provider Review Governors joined a panel of children, parents and staff to listen to pitches from three shortlisted companies seeking our business from September 2016. A comprehensive review was undertaken of what each company had to offer. The final decision will be made by Governors in the Autumn.



Equal Opportunities

We are committed to providing equal opportunities for all who wish to join the governing body. We welcome applications from anyone, regardless of age, gender, race, disability, religious beliefs or sexual orientation. Please contact our Chair of Governors, Nicci Smith, via the school office if you would like to know more.



Hello and Goodbye

We wish Jill Parker, Laura Elliman, Alka Niak and Lorna Bullerwell every success in their new endeavours and thank them for their contributions to St Mary's. We welcome David Faint and Rebecca Buller, who will join as TAs, and welcome back Kerry Charlwood, who re-joins the Year 5 teaching team. Congratulations to Reverend Derrick Peel on his retirement and many thanks for his contribution to the Governing Body.

**Thank you to the whole team at St Mary's.
Have a great summer break everyone!**