



St Clement's Catholic Primary School

Governors' Newsletter– Autumn 2015



Chair of Governors

I would like to welcome Pascal van Loon (parent governor) and Alvin David (foundation governor) who both joined the Governing Body in September along with Margaret Mc Cormack who became staff governor and Gerarda Close an Associate Governor—we look forward to working with them in supporting the school.

I would also like to thank on behalf of all the Governors, the hard working staff at the school for all they do for St Clement's. *Michael Davies*

School Business Manager

We introduce and welcome our new School Business Manager (SBM) Mrs Kath Sparrowhawk.

Mrs Sparrowhawk joined the school in August, taking the lead in managing the business aspects of the school, allowing the school leadership team to focus on leading teaching and learning. Based in the main school office, the governing body have been working alongside Mrs Sparrowhawk as she manages many areas of administration, premises and school budget systems.

Governor Monitoring

As part of our monitoring of the school, representatives of the Governing Body visit the school regularly. This term's visits have involved spending time in each classroom observing and talking to the children about their learning—this has been a very positive and engaging experience.

We also attend events such as assemblies and services—the recent nativity 'It's a Baby' and Advent Services have been great examples of the fabulous work that goes on in school.

We have also spoken with groups of children about their opinions of the school and to ensure that our procedures for keeping children safe are known and understood.

Parent & Pupil Questionnaires

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaires during the Summer Term. The overall results were extremely positive and we appreciate your views which are very important to us as a governing body. Some adjustments to procedures have been made as a result of your engagement with school leaders.

Outcomes for Pupils

At St Clement's our children's achievement has continued to grow and the Year 6 pupils leave school fully equipped for the next stage of their school career, not just academically but for life as responsible and compassionate young people.

Results for 2014-15 are to be celebrated across all key stages and are outlined in detail on the second page of this newsletter.

School Grounds

As parents you are already aware via the school newsletter that Dave Campbell has moved out of the bungalow. Dave had lived there for many years and we offer our best wishes in his new home; we will inform you of any future plans for the bungalow in the short and long term.

You will have noticed the statue of Our Lady (donated some years ago by a previous Headteacher Liz Walsh) has been repositioned in the shade of the tree in the front playground. Please pause for reflection when you have the opportunity.

As you know, the swimming pool was decommissioned—we will be seeking views of all stakeholders in the near future regarding any prospective projects.

Key Stage 2:

<i>Percentage of children achieving level 4 and above.</i>	St Clement's 2015	National Average 2015	St Clement's 2014
Reading	100	89	90
Writing	93	87	83
Maths	100	87	90
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	80	80	83
Reading, Writing and Maths	93	80	79

<i>Percentage of children achieving level 5 and above.</i>	St Clement's 2015	National Average 2015	St Clement's 2014
Reading	73	48	55
Writing	50	36	45
Maths	57	41	59
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	60	55	62
Reading, Writing and Maths	40	24	45

Percentage of children who have made expected and greater than expected progress from key stage 1 to key stage 2.	2 levels of progress		3 levels of progress	
	St Clement's 2015	National Average 2015	St Clement's 2015	National Average 2015
Reading	100	91	47	33
Writing	97	94	37	36
Maths	97	90	50	34

Level 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar</i> - 10% • <i>Maths</i> - 10% • <i>Reading</i> - 3%

Key Stage 1

Year 2 Percentage of children achieving levels 2 and 3 compared to the national average.	Level 2+		Level 2B+		Level 3	
	St Clement's 2015	National 2015	St Clement's 2015	National 2015	St Clement's 2015	National 2015
Reading	93	90	93	82	33	32
Writing	93	88	79	72	27	18
Maths	93	93	93	82	23	26

Phonics Check Year 1 Percentage of children achieving phonics level compared to the national average.	St Clement's 2015	National 2015
	87	77