



St Clement's Catholic Primary School

Governing Body Newsletter– Autumn 2017



Message from Chair of Governors

I would like to welcome David O'Flaherty (Parent Governor) who joined the Governing Body in the Autumn Term. We look forward to working with him in supporting the school.

On behalf of all the Governors I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at school for all they do for St Clement's. We are so fortunate that we have such a dedicated and committed staff and we know how much they need and appreciate good support and communication with families in order to achieve the best for each member of the school community. Already this term the children have had so many great experiences both in and out of the classroom and at the bottom of this newsletter you will see we have cause for celebrating the school's assessment results for 2016-2017.

The Governors of St Clement's wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year, and look forward to sharing in many future successes for the school.

Mr David O'Flaherty

Parent Governor

My name is David O'Flaherty and I am a parent Governor of St. Clements. My daughter, Orla, is in year 1.

I have been teaching in secondary schools for the past twenty four years; seven years at Crystal Palace and seventeen years in Surrey schools.

During this time, I have been a member of the senior management team which saw my current school progress from special measures to outstanding.

This opportunity at St. Clement's allows me to see the process of ongoing school improvement from the other side as both a parent and a governor. The meetings I have attended so far have been very well organised and exceptionally well run by Michael, our Chair, and Mrs Buckley keeping the governing body well informed of events.

There has been much to celebrate with academic performance of students and to thank staff for their continued efforts with our children.

I have been a member of St. Clement's parish for forty four years (Fr. O'Driscoll was PP when we moved here) and I was educated by the Jesuits at Wimbledon College. As I write this to you, I have just attended the St. Clement's nativity play which was remarkable, I can't wait to get the DVD! A massive thank you to all involved: students, staff, and parents.

Old Swimming Pool Area

You will know from previous communications that we have had some great ideas for the redevelopment of the old pool area. One of our parents, Mr Burke, had created some fabulous plans with us for an additional room that could be utilised for a number of reasons both during and outside the school day. Unfortunately at the moment the cost of both demolishing and rebuilding in the area is prohibitive, especially given the current concerns about school funding.

We had tried to commit to the cost of demolishing last summer but were unable to at the time. Following advice from the architect who worked with us on the new school build, we have submitted a bid to the diocese to demolish and make good the area so that we can at least benefit from the space while we are awaiting news and will let you know the outcome in due course.

Governor Monitoring

We had a very interesting input on the teaching of IT from Miss Kenway this term, showing us the progression in skills and knowledge through the curriculum.

Next term we will be focusing on the use of the additional PE and Sports Premium Funding across the school.

Department for Education School Performance Results 2017

Last week the DfE published results for school performance 2017. We are very proud of all formal assessment results this year which compare very favourably with local and national results.

We are particularly delighted that our results for progress from Key Stage 1 to 2 is in the top 10% for Reading when compared to other schools nationally and the top 20% for Writing. More information and comparison with other schools can be found at www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables.

Reading

Well above average +3.5

Writing

Average +2.2

Maths

Above average +2.6