



The Federation of St Mary's
and St Thomas of Canterbury
Catholic Primary Schools



Autumn/Winter 2020

Governors' Newsletter

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and welcome back all after what turned out to be nearly 6 months away from school. 2020 has definitely been different but we are extremely proud of the pupils, parents and staff for going the extra mile and keeping the children on track as best as the circumstances allowed.

We are so proud of the way the children and the staff have adapted to the new routine since returning and despite having to operate in bubbles the staff have been very creative which has enabled us to mark the occasion of Advent and to celebrate the lead up to Christmas. We hope that you have enjoyed following the nativities via the websites and newsletters and we know the children are looking forward to Christmas dinner this week.

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey earlier in the term. At our most recent Governors' meeting, both Heads shared the results and most importantly the individual feedback. We were so pleased to read all of your positive comments, messages of thanks for the hard-working staff and suggestions for moving forward, many of which have been acted on.

Both schools have recently commissioned new websites, which are looking fantastic and more user friendly; they are still being populated with information but we hope that you find them a useful resource - we welcome any feedback.

Recently we have had 2 new governors join, Kate Bakewell as staff governor, (Kate is Y6 teacher at St Thomas's) and Michael Fenn as a Foundation Governor. Thank you both for join the governing body

Finally, we would like to wish all our families and staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alex and Rod

CO-CHAIRS– ROD HODGSON AND ALEX PETTITT



PRAYER

JESUS, YOU ARE LIGHT EVEN
IN THE DARKEST PLACES.
HELP US TO TRUST IN YOU
WHEN WE ARE LOST OR
LONELY. SHINE HOPE INTO
OUR HEARTS WE PRAY.
AMEN.

GOVERNING BODY

MEMBERS:
ALEX PETTITT
ROD HODGSON
KATE BAKEWELL
LIZ BISHOP
MICHEAL FENN
SIAN HITCHCOCK
KATIE GIANNOTTA
MARIA LYNCH
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WE DO HAVE VACANCIES
FOR FOUNDATION
GOVERNORS AND A PARENT
GOVERNOR.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
JOINING THE GOVERNING
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