THE FEDERATION OF ST. ANNE'S & ST. MARTIN'S

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St Martin's Catholic Primary School

Parent Governor Election

We are delighted to announce that, following the nomination process, Rebecca Mee has been re-appointed, unopposed, as a parent governor for the Federation. **Congratulations** Rebecca. All governors are appointed for a four year term.

New Governors

Since our last newsletter, we have recruited three new governors. Bridget Jones and Limcy Philomina join us as Foundation governors and Nicky Anderson is our new Co-opted governor. To find out a bit more about each of them, and all our governors, please see the attached Governor Poster.

Staff news

At the beginning of this term, we welcomed Mrs Trevithick as a new teacher at St Anne's, and Mrs Parker as our new Bursar across the Federation. We are sad to say goodbye to Miss Trott and Ms Ritchie at St Martin's and look forward to welcoming Mrs Harris and Mrs Philips as new members of staff next term.

What have the Governors been doing

Since our last newsletter in October, we have been faced with national lockdowns as well as Tier restrictions. However, we have still been busy supporting the schools, although restrictions have meant that we are usually unable to visit in person.

We have held the following meetings:

- two Full Governing Board meetings, in December and March
- Resources and Curriculum committee meetings
- an additional meeting (in January) to discuss remote learning provision as well as how to support our vulnerable learners and key workers
- safeguarding governors held bi-weekly meeting with senior leaders in each school to ensure that any safeguarding concerns and wellbeing were being addressed.
- over 15 governor visits to the schools, talking to members of staff about various areas of the curriculum as well as health and safety.

Hearing from our communities

In December, we carried out a staff survey at both schools to check on staff wellbeing as well as areas like professional development and safety. We were really pleased to receive so many responses which were discussed in detail at the December Full Governing Body meeting.

We are planning to hold a Strategy Day in June with school leaders where we will discuss the mission and vision of our schools as well as our priorities for the coming years. With this in mind, we will be sending out a survey to parents at the start of next term to seek your input. The Heads will also be talking to pupils and staff for their thoughts over the course of the next half term.

Finally, we'd like to say a huge thank you to all the school staff, who have worked tirelessly through this truly exceptional term and also to all our families for your continued support for your children's education, particularly during the first few months of this year. Wishing all the staff, parents/carers and children a well deserved rest over the Easter holidays. God Bless.

