

GOVERNORS WORKING ACROSS THE FEDERATION

The Federation of St Anne's & St Martin's

Learning to live by faith and to be known by love



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Catholic
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To all Parents/Carers/Staff at St. Anne's & St. Martin's

END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

As we come to the end of another academic year, we usually reflect on the past year, the achievements, successes, social events, and challenges that we have faced. The challenge that Covid 19 has presented us plays heavily on all our minds at the current time. We would like to thank:

- The Heads for the calm way that they have dealt with all the unusual circumstances that have come their way. It has been clear that the welfare of the staff and pupils have always been at the heart of their decisions.
- The Staff for dealing with the sudden change to online classrooms, keeping school going for keyworker children, and then the juggle of the last term with pupils both in school and at home.
- The Parent community for the positive way that you have dealt with guiding your children with their work at home while also juggling your own lives and work.
- All the children who have been separated from their teachers, friends and classmates and had to adapt very quickly to a new way of working.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Moving into the new school year we will continue to support the schools in adapting to the guidance issued by the Government and ensuring that we fulfil our duties as Governors with an emphasis on supporting the physical and mental wellbeing of the children, families and staff. I know the Heads and staff are looking forward, all being well, to having all the children back in school in September and seeing all the smiling faces of the children.

FAREWELLS

We are sad to say goodbye to various members of staff: Mrs Cox in St Martin's. Miss Dews, Mrs Sarson in St Anne's and Mrs Campbell the bursar across both schools. We wish them all the best in their future careers.

We are also losing two of our long standing governors, Yvonne Mubanga and Maria Duaso. Maria and Yvonne have been governors for a number of years and have proved invaluable with their challenging questions and insight. Yvonne in particular has been a governor for the last 12 years. I'm sure they will both miss it and we hope to continue to see them at school events!

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Wishing all the to all those leaving our community. In particular to Year 6 children moving to secondary school & families moving house, staff moving to new schools and governors moving onto new challenges.

**THANK YOU FOR
BEING PART OF
THE
COMMUNITY!**

Brief review of the year - When the school closed to most pupils back in March, it was no longer appropriate for the Board to monitor the development priorities set earlier in the academic year. Instead, we identified essential business, such as reviewing the response to the pandemic and re-opening the schools, and included these in full governing board meetings which were held virtually. Despite this, there are various important areas that the Governors and schools have made a great deal of progress on over the year:

- the Federation leadership structure was finalised in December, appointing Sarah Bernto and Erika Kirwan as permanent Headteachers for each school.
- Each school has worked hard on its wider curriculum offering to ensure that they are relevant and engaging for all their pupils.
- We have relaunched the building fund in each school as a way for parents to support the schools financially if they wish (please contact the school office for more information).
- We carried out a parent survey at St Martin's and planned to do the same at St Anne's in March but unfortunately had to postpone. We will be conducting another parent survey in the spring term and a staff survey in the autumn term.
- The schools have adjusted their behaviour policies to move to a "Therapeutic Thinking" approach.

We plan to send out a more detailed newsletter in the autumn with our priorities for the coming year and how we plan to operate.

WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A RESTFUL SUMMER HOLIDAY AND KEEP SAFE, GOD BLESS