

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

WELCOME

We welcome all our new families and pupils that have joined us this year both in Reception and further up the schools.

We hope that everyone has settled in well to the new routines that the Heads have put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. It has been lovely to see the schools filled with happy faces and eagerness to learn.

SCHOOL LIFE & PRIORITIES

This academic year has brought different challenges for the Heads and Staff and we are sure they are very much looking forward to the break that half term will bring. The Governors would like to say an enormous thank you for the positivity that they have shown and their dedication to all the pupils' welfare. We have heard of a number of schools that have had to send groups of students home to self isolate or close for a short period. We must prepare ourselves for the possibility of that happening in our schools and the Heads have made plans to ensure that children will have access to their teachers and continued learning if the requirement to self isolate arises.

Every year, the Governing Body approves the School Development Plan for each school, and the implementation of this is monitored by the Governing Body throughout the year. This is one of the key ways that we drive improvement in the schools. This academic year, the School Development Plan priorities for each school are:

St Martin's Priorities

1. Teaching of RE to be engaging for all.
2. Children to make accelerated progress in Reading & Writing.

3. To reduce the gap between the lowest attainers & the higher attainers in Maths by adopting a mastery approach.

4. Ensure that the children at St Martin's experience a rich and rigorous curriculum.

St Anne's Priorities:

1. Develop the prayer life of the school.
2. Develop the children's fluency, reasoning and mastery in Maths and Reading.
3. Develop children's writing.
4. Develop children's knowledge & skills across the wider curriculum.

GOVERNING BODY

As a governing body, we held our first meeting of the year in September, where **Lucy Ring** was appointed as the Chair of the Governing Body and **Yasmin Sanchez-Pearson** as the Vice-Chair. We have sadly said goodbye to **Jennifer Mendonca**, **Meena Anand** and **Antoine Debias** as governors but are pleased to welcome **John Webb** and **Marcus Fec** as new governors. Please see the governor pages on the school website for more information about them and their backgrounds. The governing body has two main committees: The **Resources committee** monitors the finances, premises and staffing of the school and is chaired by **Lucy Ring**. The **Curriculum committee** monitors the progress of pupils and the curriculum offering and is chaired by **Clare Gough**.

STAFF NEWS - At St Martin's we would like to wish **Mr. Silk** well in his new job and thank him for all his input into the school and welcome **Mr. Attree**.

STAFF NEWS cont..

We are very pleased to announce that **Annette Parker** (currently the Business Manager at Southcote and Katesgrove Primary) will be joining the Federation in January as our Business Manager and brings with her a wealth of experience.

BUILDING FUND

As our schools are voluntary aided schools, any Buildings work (capital Improvements) need to have 10% of the cost paid for by the Governors i.e. the school; the rest usually comes from devolved grants from central government. The schools each have a building fund where donations from parents towards this are kept. Attached to this newsletter you will find a letter with more info. We would appreciate it if you consider supporting the schools this way.