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

Learning to live by faith and to be known by love





# St Martin's Catholic Primary School

#### **THANK YOU**

This academic year has consisted of a myriad of different learning experiences for pupils, staff and parents alike. Therefore, in what has evidently been an unprecedented year, we would like to particularly recognise the heads for their exemplary leadership, staff for their resilience and team efforts and equally thank parents for supporting their child/children's learning as much as possible. We look forward to everyone's continued support during the next academic year and have the confidence that whatever the circumstances we will flourish as a community.

## **FAREWELLS**

This is usually an emotional time of year where we say goodbye to several different groups. We would like to thank Ms Philips for her support this term at St Martin's. Also to Ms Chambers & Mrs Bird for roles at St Anne's. We wish them all the success in their future ventures. For those relocating, may your experience in your new school communities also be full of warmth and welcome. And finally, we bid a warm farewell to the Year 6 pupils and families, we hope that their time at St Anne's and St Martin's will go a long way towards preparing them for the next social and educational phases of their lives. We wish them all the best!



### What have the Governors been doing...

Since our last governor newsletter in April, we have continued to support the school mostly remotely due to social distancing guidelines posed by COVID-19 restrictions. We look forward to visiting more regularly in person come the new academic year if restrictions allow. In the meantime, please see a summary of the meetings and activities conducted this term:

- 2 full governing body meetings in March and July
- Resources, Curriculum and Safeguarding committee meetings.
- A governor strategy day in June where we discussed shortterm and long-term goals for how we envision the federation and ways to effectively implement the objectives.
- Ensuring implementation of monitoring and catch up so that children haven't been disadvantaged by the challenges posed by self-isolation.
- Governor training (which forms an integral part of our role as governors) in the areas of Safeguarding, Child Protection, Finance, Diversity & Inclusion, Recruitment and OFSTED.

**Parent Survey** We are grateful to have received high levels of engagement for the parent survey and appreciate your time in completing these. As feedback and transparency are both inherent to growth, we share here the consistent messages that arose from the survey (with full survey results as an annex to this newsletter):

**Areas to be Proud of,** continuing to align with the school ethos and inspire high moral values in pupils by leading through example

- continuing to recognise each child individually and ensuring that they reach their highest potential whilst having high aspirational challenges
- \*continue to deliver a curriculum where we recognise and celebrate both our similarities and differences
- continue to foster a welcoming community with awareness of the wider world:

**Areas of Focus,** viewing and communicating how we cover other faiths within the curriculum

- ensuring effective communication of the curriculum that children are studying
- in the interest of child wellbeing, ensuring all children are aware of the anti-bullying policy and how they should report their concerns
- •reviewing how we make parents aware of their child's objectives and how they might achieve them.

We hope that everyone has a relaxing time during this well deserved summer break. As you meet with loved ones, please stay safe and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September. God's Blessings to all.

