

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to update you on the work of the governors and to highlight areas of progress in the school.

The most significant highlight has been last year's very impressive SATS results. Our results have put us in the top 10% of primary schools nationally and in the top 5% for maths specifically. This is a fantastic achievement by all the children in year 6 last year. It also shows the incredible work of the Year 6 staff and the progress in the teaching and learning that has been put in place throughout the School in recent years.



As a result of our progress and achievement, the School has been visited by representatives of the Local Authority, Diocese and other schools to see what they can learn from us. Please do congratulate the staff and Mrs Onwubalili when you see them. But thank you too for your contribution. Educating our children is a joint effort and parents and carers play a key role in this.

The School's ethos is *"to help children to flourish in a safe, diverse and inclusive Christian environment"*. I'm thankful to God that the School continues to be a safe place, that it does have a wide mix of children from many different backgrounds and that it is striving to support children of all abilities and interests. I am thankful, too, that new teachers and TAs have settled-in this term and that Ms Browne is more able to concentrate on SEN and being the Deputy Head after a year in the Year 3. It has also been good to see how the After School Clubs and Care has become established and how music is progressing with new teachers.

The role of the School Governors is to be "critical friends" of the School, holding the Headteacher and staff to account for the educational performance of the School and the use of its resources. The twelve Governors formally meet twice each term, but each Governor also has a specific area to monitor, from Maths, English and PE to Pupil Premium, Special Educational Needs and Safeguarding. You may be wondering what this actually means in practice. Well, by the end of this term, the Governors' page on the School website will outline some of the ways in which we have made an impact to the School over the last year.

Six of the Governors are parents at the School (including myself), although only two are elected as Parent Governors. We would be very happy to talk with you in the playground about any issues you may have with the School, although this is not as a shortcut to discussing them with the relevant staff members. The School's website also has details about how to take forward any complaints you may have, along with other School policies and procedures and who the Governors are.

I hope that this coming year will be as encouraging as the last one and that we can count on your partnership to help this to happen.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Scott, Chair of Governors