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St. Peter's CE Primary School

Governor Newsletter

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Another GOOD !!

"when we all focus on one thing, expect wonders" - Initiative

Firstly, may we apologise for the delay with this issue, but welcome you all once again to our termly Governor's Newsletter.

It was an extremely busy end to 2014, following on from all our efforts in securing our Ofsted 'Good' status. The Governors took onboard Ofsted's comments, we identified the areas for improvements and continue to develop the areas that have been our main focus over the past few years.

Already, 2015 has also been a busy time for us. On 15 January we had an inspection from Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education, where the school is evaluated on the effectiveness of how our pupils are taught with a Christian ethos.

We would like to share with you our great news that following the inspection the school recently received the Diocese

Report and it's official St Peter's CE Primary School is **GOOD!**

Once again the Governors would like to pass on our grateful thanks and appreciation to every person involved.



We Did It ~
GOOD - Blackburn Diocesan

Most importantly a huge thank you goes out to all the pupils of St Peter's, including those who were asked some challenging questions by the inspectors. Without the children's commitment to learning and abiding by the schools' spiritual and cultural ethos, together with your support, we would not have made it. The Gover-

nors felt that the inspection was more stressful than the visit from Ofsted, purely because this inspection was more about the feeling and effectiveness of the Christian ethos and learning, rather than demonstrating any statistical evidence. On the day the inspectors initially observed morning class worship, met with the school leadership team, governors, staff members, parents and pupils.

Similarly to the Ofsted inspection the comments from the inspectors were extremely heartwarming, with constructive criticism and direction, which gives us the motivation to drive on and further develop St Peter's school.

Mrs Weddle and her team have worked extremely hard in the short space of time that they have had control of the schools' direction, but so far so good!

Thank You, The Governors.

The Next Step Our Search

In the coming months we will continue to focus our efforts in the process of appointing a new permanent Deputy Head-teacher, to join with us on our journey in becoming an 'Outstanding' school. We search to find the suitable and experienced candidate to join Mrs Weddle, the senior leaders and teachers.

During this process the Governors continue to give their grateful appreciation and full support to our current Acting Deputy Head-teacher Mrs Uttley, who has stepped into this temporary position and continues to lead with conviction showing great dedication to the role, whilst gaining invaluable experience.

Our profile for the post has been carefully defined and focuses on the leadership skills, ethos of the school, our Christian values and ongoing strive in becoming an 'Outstanding' primary school within Darwen.

The Governors agree that collectively we will succeed in a successful appointment.

"The school is well-placed to move from strength to strength" - Ofsted 2014

Focus on Building...



Project Building: The Future

With the help and support of our senior leaders, teachers, support staff, together with the pupils and parents/guardians of St Peters, the Governors continue to give guidance and contribute toward achieving an Outstanding school recognition. The ultimate journey in which we all play our part in the school's success

As we wrote in our last issue, when we focused on the Data aspect of our Curriculum sub-committee, in this issue we give a glimpse of what we've been doing with regard to the building and the school's resource/equipment. In March when we review the budget proposed by the Head-teacher, money is allocated for planned school improvements, capital spend (new resources) and general maintenance & upkeep.

As part of the Building sub-committee we focus on what the school needs. A Health & Safety walk round is undertaken to identify and address issues within school, authorising the works to be undertaken and agree on the funding through the Finance sub-committee. The recent completion of the outdoor play resource shelter for our Reception children was a key resource facility that Ofsted gave recommendation toward. The school has also provided cycle stands for those children wishing to cycle to school.

As part of planned maintenance works we have had the roof

re-furbished and numerous external doors and windows have been replaced.

We have recently made new provisions within our kitchen area, with more efficient appliances.

Unfortunately over the half term period in October we had a spate of vandalism and the recently refurbished children's adventure playground being targeted, resulting in the need to temporarily close it to safeguard the children. Governors discussed the problem and decided to allocate funds to provide a perimeter security fence, this took time to re-address the funding and obtain planning approval from the local authorities. Now with the area fenced off, the plan is to replace the damaged equipment.

Going forward, we are currently looking to expand the room facilities within school to provide additional resource space and refurbish areas into a more usable space. Plans are in place and funding allocated within the budget for these long-term proposals.

Pupils have their say ...

We enjoy the pupils of St Peters writing to us and we respond to their letters, either by writing back or visiting classes termly. We encourage the children to give us their views and have their say, for the better of the school.

We feel that the school is best improved through the eyes of the pupils. This approach also gives the children a voice within school. Some interesting ideas and wishes come through their letters which we take on board and consider.

A Closing Note

We hope that this issue has once again proved to be informative for you the reader, as we continue to develop and improve on our communication links with you. It leaves us to wish

you and your family a Happy and Holy Easter holiday and we very much look forward to seeing you on return in April.

The Board of Governors

*The Ascension of Jesus:
Jesus is taken up to Heaven ~
Mark 16:19-20.*

Bonjour et merci
and
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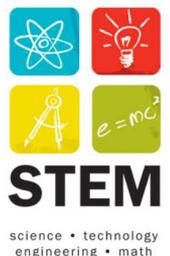
Stepping into Teaching...

... not quite, but for two of our governors they have made the step in to the classroom. Mrs Waring (our Local Authority Governor) has been teaching French with our KS2 children for some months now and seems to be enjoying her time back in the classroom. The children certainly seem to benefit hugely from this, giving them a good foundation in a popular modern foreign language for entering secondary school.



and our Vice Chair of Governors, Mr Robinson who is currently gathering his vast and many years experience in Civil Engineering, in preparation for coming into school and giving a selection of children an insight into Engineering as part of the government's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Initiative.

The Governors thank both members for their commitment in dedicating their time and the sharing of their experiences and knowledge for the benefit our children and the school.



Good Luck ...

With our KS1 (Yr.2) & KS2 (Yr.6) SATs just around the corner, we call upon you as parents and carers of the children to encourage them to do the best of their ability, giving them a firm educational foundation for the future.

Good Luck to all our Year 2 & 6 children - The Governors

Happy &
Holy
Easter
Holiday

