

St Polycarp's Catholic Primary School
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Governors' Update

22nd July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Governor Update

When we look back at the past year we are so fortunate to be in the position we are now as a school community. To have left behind the very complex Covid rules – particularly maintaining the bubbles within the school. It is important to enjoy these calm and beautiful summer days, and to celebrate all the freedoms that we used to take for granted.

As a community such a lot is going on to help our European neighbours who have fled from the terrible situation in the Ukraine. So many people also give to local charities such as the Farnham Foodbank to help just a little bit with the difficulty that people have now with the economic and energy situation. We can't solve all the problems of the world, but as a community everyone has done such a lot to help in any way that they can.

Thank you for everything that you have done to help. We now have a number of Ukrainian children at the school who are being supported and helped so well by the staff, and from time to time other children help as translators so that our Ukrainian children will feel more welcome and comfortable. I know that some of the parents of our Ukrainian children are learning English and so I wanted to say just a few words to them:

Ласкаво просимо до нашої парафії, нашої школи та нашої громади. Наша спільнота допоможе вам будь-яким способом, яким ми зможемо.

(Translation: Welcome to our parish, our school and our community. Our community will help you in any way that we can.)

The final day of the summer term is always a difficult one in that we have to say goodbye to year 6. In my time as a governor I have seen a lot of year 6 groups move on. Each year group is always so memorable in different ways. The current year 6 have constantly surprised me with their ability to ask really excellent questions and I have enjoyed every moment I have spent with them in the past years. The children are so excited about the future and I know that they have been supported so wonderfully by the staff during their time at Saint Polycarp's. I hope they have had a really special

final day at the school and I wish them well in all the adventures that await them as they move to their new school. There were a lot of well-deserved prizes given today.



In the past weeks the staff and governors have begun our tri-annual planning activities, seeking input from parents, staff and members of the parish. Our aim is to update the school development plan, highlighting the areas of focus for our work in the next three years. We look forward to sharing more of the plans with you early in the autumn term.



I am so delighted with the way that the school is developing and growing, I am particularly grateful to the staff who have made it possible to launch the new wrap around care facility, Hive. I am very much looking forward to seeing the new club in the autumn term. We thank Casa very much for everything that they have done for the school for many years, and for their help in transitioning to the new service.

The governors would also like to say a special thank you to Aine Bell, Tess de Jouvencel and Kerry Dwyer for their wonderful work at St Polycarp's and we wish them well for the future.

Finally, thank you for everything that you do for the school and for our community. I wish you a very happy summer holiday, I hope that you will all have safe and fun family adventures and I look forward to seeing you in the autumn term.

Best wishes,

Martin Parr

Martin Parr
Chair of Governors

