



STM Governing Board Newsletter - Summer 2018

Welcome to our first newsletter! We hope you will find these termly newsletters a useful resource to learn more about who the governing board are, what we do and how we are working with the STM Senior Leadership Team to ensure our school continues to be the wonderful and caring learning environment we all enjoy.

Our Mission Statement

“Learning to love, live and celebrate as we grow in the knowledge and love of Christ“ underpins all that we do at St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Our Vision

To provide an outstanding education, with Christ at the centre, underpinned by a Catholic, spiritual ethos

As always we are thankful to our teaching faculty for all their effort and hard work throughout the academic year. We will be saying a fond farewell to some at the end of this summer term and would like thank them for their dedication to our school and wish them good luck for their next chapters:

- Mrs Carolyn Hatch (Year 3 & Deputy Head)**
- Miss Tracey Blake (Reception)**
- Miss Lucy Ashby (Year Four)**
- Miss Rachel Holmes (Year Six)**
- Mrs Bernadette Richards (Learning Support)**
- Mrs Liz Spencer (Learning Support)**
- Mrs Lyn Fear (Admin team)**

And lastly, but by no means least, we would like to thank **Miss Isabel Cerasale** for her caring and compassionate leadership of STM in her role as Head Teacher over the past four years. Isabel has been within the STM family for twelve years, teaching Yr 5, Yr 3, Reception and Nursery and for this we are very grateful. We wish Isabel the very best of luck and warmest wishes for the future.

During visits throughout the year we’ve joined in a number of **Pupil Voice** sessions where we hear directly from groups of students. These are a thoroughly enjoyable and insightful part of our visit and we’d like to share that with you. The Year 6 students we were recently lucky enough to spend time with were knowledgeable, eloquent, respectful of each other and had a real belief in the STM values which was evident from the discussion. When asked “**What do you like about your school?**” responses included “**Football!**” “**Friendly place**” “**Challenges us**” The students told us about the Friday Celebration Assembly being something they looked forward to particularly when Learners of the Week were recognised!

You’ll hear more from us in the Autumn term but for now we’d like to take the opportunity to wish you all a happy and restful summer with your families and look forward to September for the start of a new and exciting school year!

With thanks from the STM Governing Board

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WHO WE ARE

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| Peter Fitzgerald | Chair of Governors |
| Jan Davis | Vice Chair |
| Isabel Cerasale | Head Teacher |
| Carolyn Hatch | Staff Governor |
| Fr David Burke | Foundation Governor |
| Theresa Kelly | Foundation Governor |
| David Swarbrick | Foundation Governor |
| Leanne Halsey | Foundation Governor |
| Monica Murray | Parent Governor |
| Laura Connor | Parent Governor |

All governors serve STM in a voluntary capacity

All governors are linked to subject areas and undertake Link visits throughout the year hearing from staff who lead in subjects. You can find out more about these in our Autumn newsletter – watch this space!

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about STM. The survey can be completed at any time; you don’t have to wait until the school is being inspected. Ofsted will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when. See STM website for link