



STM Governing Board Newsletter – Summer 2019

Our Mission Statement

“Learning to love, live and celebrate as we grow in the knowledge and love of Christ“

Our Vision

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

It’s summer already! It doesn’t feel that long since the last newsletter but there has been a lot going on at STM. We’ve had a multitude of class trips and experiences including inter school competitions, our own STM Games Day, the hugely successful Footballathon and Summer Fayre, run by our amazing PTA, and our Yr. 6’s have completed their SATs! We’ve also had our Diocesan RE Inspection – Section 48; **“Shining through the report is the fact that St Thomas More is a wonderful school where relationships are strong and people are valued”** what delightful feedback! A huge thank you to the staff for all their efforts and to those who completed and returned the feedback forms. This was an important contribution to the inspection and we rely on parents and carers feeding back at these important times to ensure everything about our school is captured in its truest sense. The full report has been shared and is available on the STM website please do take the time to review the report and reflect on the positive spotlight it shines on our wonderful school!

As always, we are thankful to our teaching faculty. We are very sad to be saying goodbye to some of our STM family this term:

Mrs Lynn Perowne – Nursery

Mrs Perowne has worked at St Thomas More School for 16 years. She started as a Nursery Nurse at the inception of Nursery, leaving after 11 years to complete her teaching qualification. She then taught at St Anthony's RC School in Watford for six and a half years. She returned to St Thomas More five years ago as our Nursery Teacher, where she has gained respect from staff, parents and is loved by the children.

She is retiring to look after her granddaughter Evie who is seven months old, but also taking a well-earned rest. We will miss her calm, reassuring presence and her excellent teaching. She will be sadly missed and we wish her good luck in all she does in the future.

Mrs Philippa Parker – School office

Mrs Parker’s first contact with our school was in 1999 as a parent of her two boys. In 2009 she started working as a TA and it quickly became obvious that she was going to be a great asset to the school. She later took up the post of Office and Finance Administrator. She has always brought good humour to the role and keeps the staff entertained with her anecdotes. We know she will use her new-found freedom to indulge her love of travel and support of Chelsea Football Club. We wish her good luck.

We also wish **Mrs Thomas** a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back at school in the Autumn term.

WHO WE ARE

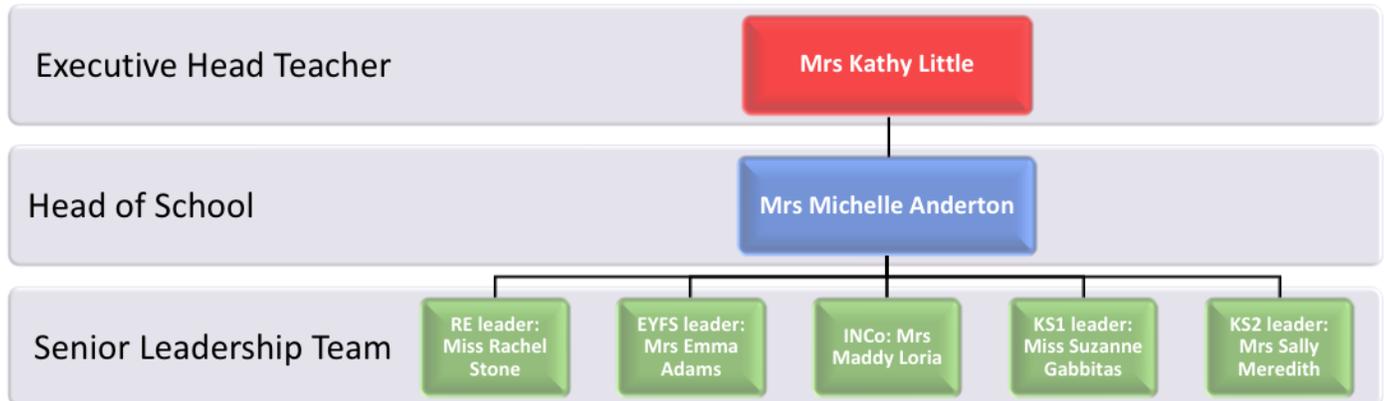
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All governors serve STM in a voluntary capacity

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We would like to thank **Mrs Meredith** and **Miss Gabbitas** for their support for our children and staff in their roles as Assistant Headteachers this year. They will remain valued members of our Senior Leadership Team. We welcome **Mrs Michelle Anderton** as our Head of School from September and wanted to share the updated leadership structure with you ahead of the next academic year:



Mrs Little continues in her role as Executive Head Teacher having the strategic overview across both STM and St Albert the Great. Mrs Anderton will be at STM every day as Head of School, working closely with Mrs Little and the SLT, and ensuring the consistent and smooth day to day running of our school.

THOUGHT FOR THE SUMMER BREAK Fr David Burke

A Summer Blessing

May you walk your God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go.

Walking with God... walking with honesty and with courage. Walking with love and respect and concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer on every day and in every situation.

Talking with God... praying words of praise for the beauty of creation. Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times.

Asking God's help in all your decisions. Expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you walk & talk with your God each and every day. Amen.

And finally, from September, **Peter Fitzgerald** will be retiring as a Governor of the school after twelve years dedicated service.

Peter chaired the Finance Committee for many years before stepping up to Chair the Board of Governors in 2013. He has worked hard to ensure the good management of the school and provided calm and good humoured leadership.

All at school, as well as the Governors, will certainly miss seeing his bike outside the school office, although we hope he'll be competing keenly at the Quiz night in September.

Peter, we thank you!

We wish you all a wonderful summer break and hope everybody is able to take some time to rest, relax and recharge. We look forward to seeing you in September and embracing the start of a new academic year!

With thanks from the STM Governing Board