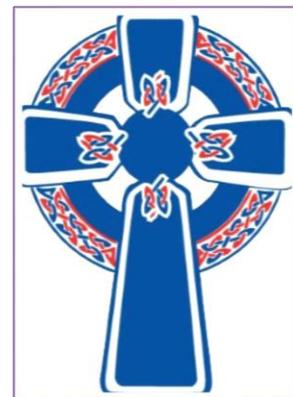


December 2016

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families

Welcome to our very first Governors' newsletter! This is a way for us to keep in touch with you about our aspirations for the school and to update you on what we do to support our fantastic staff in their provision of an outstanding education for your children.

I hope you enjoy the Christmas productions this year – I thoroughly enjoyed KS2's production it was fabulous – I just love to see all those eager faces working hard and using their talents.

I hope that you have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year 2017!



*Joanna Parascandolo*  
Chair of Governors

## New Appointments

In September we welcomed back our very own Miss Milivojevic as our new Headteacher. Miss Milivojevic has been with our school for 7 years and knows our school, children and parents very well. We are delighted with her new initiatives (see below) and her enthusiasm for continuing the strong leadership of our school.

After half term we welcomed Mrs Holmes as our Assistant SENCo and some of you may have already met her. Mrs Holmes works with our children for 2 days a week and is developing strategies throughout the school to help our children achieve their very best potential.

## New Initiatives

- Mini Religious Development team made up of 1 member from each year group who have input and drive into the Catholic life of the school
- Family Mass each term

## Governing Body

Joanna Parascandolo  
*Chair (foundation)*  
Harry Chapman  
*Vice Chair (LEA)*  
Louise Milivojevic  
*Headteacher Governor*  
Patricia Goodby/Fiona  
Science  
*Clerk to the Governors*  
Joanne Dent  
*Foundation*  
Canon John Nunan  
*Foundation*  
Leonora Tate  
*Foundation*  
Rodger Toner  
*Foundation*  
Laurence Lydon  
*Foundation*  
Christopher Harman  
*Parent Governor*  
Ana Hodkinson  
*Parent Governor*

## Miss Milivojevic



*Learn with hope – Love in Peace – Love in Faith – Worship and Celebrate in our Community*

- revamp of the library
- developing strong links with local schools within the EPOSS cluster whilst continuing our partnerships within the Catholic Compass Cluster
- staff members linked up with the FOSJ (one from each key stage incl FS)
- Coffee mornings for parents which will be trialed on the 1st Thursday of every month starting 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 until Easter.

## What we do

As a governing body our role is to provide strategic leadership and accountability in our school and we do this collectively. We are all volunteers and carry out our governing role in addition to our other responsibilities. We work in a number of sub-committees where we use the expertise of our governors to help and advise on Finance, Personnel, Premises, Catholic Life, Safeguarding and Curriculum. Each sub-committee reports back to the full governing body.

At the heart of what we do is the provision of a safe and inspiring environment for our children to learn in and this is delivered by an outstanding group of staff.

## This term – in a nutshell!

Our Catholic Life Committee has been proactive in ensuring that we have a calendar of events that correspond with the Liturgical year. The Mini Vinnies have been working hard again to keep us all thinking about others and represented the school at the Remembrance Parade. Year 6 had an amazing time at the “Big Sing” as did the accompanying staff and governors.

We are truly blessed to have so many good things to be proud of in our school and in particular our built environment which has been improved greatly in recent years. Sadly though we still have an ageing building which presents us with the less glamorous side of building work – renewal and repair. This is the part we don't really see or want to acknowledge but in order to continue to keep your children safe at school we need to find money to carry out essential drainage works, keep the roof watertight and renew rotting windows at high level. We can access funding from the Diocese but we need to contribute 10% and this is where our voluntary contribution scheme (VCS) helps. If you haven't already signed up to this please do – you can contribute whatever you can and we suggest £5 per month. This money is also gift aided so for every £5 you give, we can claim back a further £1.25, so your donations to this scheme are really worth it.

Please see the office for VCS forms.



### Governor Spotlight

Each term we will focus on one of our governors.

Introducing this term -

#### Leonora Tate

I was appointed as a Foundation Governor in October 2015, and have attended all of the Full Governing Body and Catholic Life meetings since. I am an active member of St Joseph's Parish in Wetherby, and am involved with Children's Liturgy, First Communion Preparation and the Repository. More importantly, I am a parent of three children at St Joseph's School (Ralph Y4, Lena Y2, Rufus FS1) and as such I am familiar to the teachers and parents. I help to run the school's Mini Vinnies, the young people's arm of the St Vincent de Paul Society, which was introduced to our school very successfully last year and continues to grow.

I am also a co-director of a local Leeds car repair business, where I work part time alongside my husband.