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# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

As we approach the end of term we have so much to be delighted about. The children have performed brilliantly in their different shows and highlight to all of us how special they and their school are. We are grateful to all our staff for their hard work and dedication not only in their academic instruction but in the way they help all of our children to live out their lives as faithful and spiritual people.

As a result of our very strong catholic ethos at St Joseph's we are thrilled to have achieved an **OUTSTANDING** result in our recent RE Inspection by the Diocese. As a parent whose 4 children all attended St Joseph's I can reiterate that our school really does lay the foundations of a strong knowledge and understanding of their faith.

We also welcomed Jacqueline Atkinson to the governing body this term.

I hope that you have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year 2019!

*Joanna Parascandolo*

Chair of Governors

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## Section 48 RE Inspection

Our school has been graded as "Outstanding" in all areas of the Catholic Life of the school and religious education and I would urge you to read the report on our website. We are especially grateful to our staff who ensure that the Catholic Life of the school is deeply embedded in every area. The children are fantastic and are very enthusiastic about their faith and we are grateful to our parents and carers too who reinforce their family faith at home.

The governors recently celebrated this wonderful result with Canon Nunan at a special Mass followed by a meal. This was a beautiful way to celebrate and pray together and thank you to Canon Nunan for always giving so much of his time to us and to the school.

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

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## Governing Body

Joanna Parascandolo

*Chair (foundation)*

Harry Chapman

*Vice Chair (LEA)*

Louise Milivojevic

*Headteacher Governor*

Patricia Goodby

*Clerk to the Governors*

Jacqueline Atkinson

*Foundation*

Joanne Dent

*Foundation*

Tim Hodgson

*Foundation*

Canon John Nunan

*Foundation*

Anthony Ruane

*Foundation*

Leonora Tate

*Foundation*

Kirsty Atkinson

*Parent Governor*

Christopher Harman

*Parent Governor*

Jayne Ward

*Staff Governor*

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## Merry Christmas



## Parent Governor Vacancy

After many years as a parent governor, Chris Harman has decided to step down due to other work commitments. We thank Chris for his valued contributions and the time he has given to this role over the years and we wish him all the very best.

We now have a vacancy for a parent governor. If this is something you are interested in and would like to put yourself forward, please complete the form sent out by school earlier this month and return to school in the New Year.

## Building Works

At the end of September works completed on the refurbished WCs to Years 1&2 and Years 3&4. This work was long overdue and we now have modern and up to date facilities with better water pressure in these areas.

During the works carried out we did become aware of the poor condition of our roofs and we are looking to obtain funding for their repair/replacement in the next round of bids to the Diocese. If we are successful we will need to pay 10% of the costs ourselves and this where your continued help is so very important through the **VCS** funding that you give us. If you don't already contribute this way please do take a minute to look at the VCS information attached and sign up as soon as you can. One off donations are also very welcome!

## FOSJ

The Friends of St Joseph's continue to work very hard to help raise money to fund lots of additional resources for our children. This year they are working to raise money to develop the ICT suite as well as continuing to fund the fantastic workshops that really do enhance our fantastic curriculum at St Joseph's. If you haven't been involved with FOSJ they would welcome your support any time you can either by attending events or helping at events...or both!

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We are delighted to see so many of our families attending the termly family masses and thought you would find the following information helpful.

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	6.00 pm	VIGIL MASS
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00 pm	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VIGIL
	6.00 pm	VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS
	8.00 pm	FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am	MASS OF THE NATIVITY



### Governor Spotlight

Each term we focus on one of our governors.

Introducing this term -

#### Tim Hodgson

As a Foundation Governor I have so far really enjoyed my post and hope to be able to contribute more towards helping this great school. My day job is running a commercial and residential property company based in Harrogate.

Outside of work I spend a lot of time in the gym and play football once a week. Health and fitness seems to be a big part of my time. I am also a season ticket holder at LUFC and have been for over 10 years... which I guess is dedication? I try and play golf regularly but finding the time is very difficult, especially with a young family.

I am on the resources committee and am keen to ensure that the school is run efficiently and maintained to a high standard. I recently visited school for a day and was served lunch – which I can vouch was absolutely excellent and terrific value!