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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to our *first* Governor newsletter. We plan to circulate three newsletters a year, one per term, so that we can keep you up to date with changes that affect the school, report on what we have been up to and what is planned for the future.

What a year 2022/23 has been! We started in September with a new Head of School, a new Executive Headteacher, new faces on the Senior Leadership Team and a new Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Governing Committee (LGC). We managed to get through one term before Ofsted knocked on our door, resulting in a very pleasing 'Good' grading, reflecting the hard work and commitment of the staff, governors, children, parents and wider school community.

Who are the Governors and what do we do?

The LGC is comprised of 7 Foundation Governors appointed by the Bishop; two parent governors, representative of the parent body, and Mr Hall.

As Governors we have a statutory obligation to ensure that the school is operating effectively, in line with legislative and educational requirements to ensure all children receive the best quality of education and personal development. Our role is a strategic one, with three key functions:

- Alongside Ani Magill (Chief Executive Officer of the Xavier Education Trust), holding the Head of School to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

The Head of School, supported by the senior leadership team is responsible for the educational and operational management of the school and the implementation of the strategic framework established by the SLT and the LGC.

The LGC meet termly, as a team, and also conduct termly meetings with members of the SLT of the school to monitor:

Finance; Learning & Teaching; Child Protection & Safeguarding; Catholic Ethos; SEN, Inclusion & Pupil Premium; Curriculum, Assessment & Behaviour, Wellbeing, Workload and Mental Health.

Being a governor of such a wonderful school is an enjoyable and fulfilling experience with lots of support and training available. Please do consider nominating yourself for the vacant role of Parent Governor which was advertised recently.

If you have any queries about Governance please do contact us via the school office info@stcuthbert-mayne.surrey.sch.uk

School Funding

You only have to look at the news to know that funding for education nationwide is limited. Being part of a Multi Academy Trust makes us more financially robust than if we were a single entity, however, we must continuously generate funds to meet any shortfall, and to guarantee we provide the best education and environment for the children in our school. The school receives funding from 3 main channels:

1. Central funding from the Department for Education (managed by the Trust)
2. The incredible work of the Friends of St Cuthbert Mayne
3. Governors' Fund voluntary contributions

Traditionally, the Friends' fundraising has contributed to purchasing resources that directly support the children's learning as well as bigger capital expenditure projects such as the wonderful playground.

The Governors' Fund pays for projects which ensure the school remains an attractive and safe environment for the children including a rolling programme of refurbishment, new technologies and other capital expenditure.

Governors' School Development Fund

We are incredibly blessed with the generosity of our school community and would like to express our sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who make regular voluntary contributions to the Governors' School Development Fund during these austere times.

The leadership team plans for continuous improvement of the learning areas of the school. Imminent plans include:

- A concertina partition wall in the hall to make the space more dynamic and expand the After School and Breakfast Club capacity
- New furniture for KS1 classrooms
- iPads to support in classroom learning

We recommend between £12 & £25 per month per family which can be paid via SCOPAY. If you are not able to commit to this, the Governors will be very grateful for any contribution you can donate to the school. You can complete an online Gift Aid declaration via SCOPAY, if you are a UK tax payer, to have your donation uplifted by HMRC.

- To access the Gift Aid form, click 'Your Info' in the menu at the top right of the main page and select 'Gift Aid' from the menu on the left hand side of the page. Please note this form can only be completed when accessing www.scopay.com through an internet browser NOT via the SCOPAY App.

- The Governors' Fund Donation is in Products and listed under 'Trips and Events'. During the checkout process you can choose to set up a recurring 'Future Pay' payment monthly, quarterly or as a one-off payment to suit you.

To date, 11% of the parent body contribute regularly to the Governor's Fund. We understand the difficulties many families have endured during the cost of living crisis, and we really are extremely grateful for any contribution you can make to help us realise these important developments.

I look forward to updating you on the developments in the Autumn Term.

In the meantime, enjoy a restful half term break in readiness for a busy second half of the summer term.

With every best wish

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Kersey', written in a cursive style.

Karen Kersey
Chair of the LGC