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GOVERNOR UPDATE

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Update from Teaching and Learning Committee

Teaching of Maths

The Teaching and Learning Committee have been looking at the school's priority of the teaching of maths and have been ensuring that the teachers and staff have access to support in order to be consistent and effective in this priority area across the whole school. We have been able to access external advice which will help to strengthen our approach and ensure good outcomes. Your ongoing support with home learning is much appreciated.

Nursery Consultation

As you will be aware we consulted with parents/ carers and our community with regards to the future of our Nursery provision in considering a single point of entry with reduced numbers. Thank you to those who made comments and raised questions during the consultation period. At our recent Full Governing Body Meeting the Governors voted on this matter and have voted for the Nursery have a single point of entry (September) for a morning session with 20 places being offered. This secures the financial viability of the Nursery and safeguards its future provision.

Academies

Ms McBride and Mr Clancy attended a briefing at the Diocese of Westminster and along with all other schools in our Diocese were informed of the intention to form Catholic Academy Trusts (CAT's) which will create families of schools in geographic areas. There is considerable work to be done and many matters that the governing body will have to consider in relation to this and we will provide updates for you as the Diocese progresses with this process.

Governors' afternoon in School

A group of our school governors enjoyed an afternoon in school on 24th November. There was a timetable of activities including lunch with children and staff, time on the playground joining in with games, taking part in lessons in the classrooms, link subject review meetings and an assembly where the governors spoke about their role followed by questions from the children. After this governors were on the playground to meet parents/carers and the day was finished off with a Full Governing Body meeting. Thank you to the staff and especially the children who behaved impeccably. This will be an annual event. Some pictures from the day are shown below.



Message from the Chair of Governors

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The governors would like to thank you for working in partnership with our School to make it a great place to learn. With your support we are sure of a great future.

I will be stepping down as Chair and Florence Zakari-Ayankoya will take over as of January 2017. I wish her well in this role.

We would like to wish all our pupils, staff and families a Peaceful and Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year.

Paul Clancy

