



Governors' Newsletter 4

Spring Term 2016

Outstanding Church School- SIAMS Inspection

On 9th February St Michael's underwent a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). The principal objective of the SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a Church school.

The Inspector spent one day at the school and spoke to children, staff, governors and parents about the school's ethos, mission and RE curriculum. He concentrated on these 4 areas:

1. *How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?*
2. *What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?*
3. *How effective is the religious education?*
4. *How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?*

We are proud to be able announce that we have been judged to be Outstanding in what we provide for our children and families as a Church school. The inspection report can be seen on the school's website.

Governors

All Angels' Governors are taken from a wide variety of experience and backgrounds. Here is a list of their names and the stakeholders they represent.

Chair of Governors Rosemary Games (Parish Church Council Governor)		Vice Chair of Governors Laurie Bolt (DBE Governor)	
Bishop's Appointed Governor Rev. Mark Elvin	Headteacher Helen Newell		Local Authority Governor Linda Johnson
Diocesan Board of Education Governors (DBE) Terry Tavner	Parish Church Council Governors (PCC) David Blake Gavin Shiers Jane Cole		Parent Governors Vicky Boon Jayne Clark
School Staff Governors Kath Hunt (SMJS) Frances Sinclair (CHIS Co-opted Governor)			

Clerk to the Governors: Jennie Reynolds

If you wish to contact the Governors please do so via the Schools. Contact details are over the page.

Five Key Principles

- ❖ Respectful
- ❖ Trustworthy
- ❖ Persevering
- ❖ Enterprising
- ❖ Successful

Parent Governors –

Jayne Clarke and Vicky Boon



It is important that Parents are represented on the Governing Body and Jayne and Vicky have close connections to the schools through their own children.

It is surprising to find when you become a Governor what it takes to run a successful school, so much goes on beyond the 9am to 3pm day and the school term time to make sure that children receive the very best education.

Jayne and Vicky help to make sure that any decisions made by the governing body are pertinent to our second major stakeholders, the parents.

Bridget Howard

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Bridget Howard after losing her 3 year battle with cancer in January. A long serving Governor at St Michael's, her wisdom, concern and compassion for everyone was evident to anyone who knew her.

When the two schools Federated she took to the 'Littlies', as she used to call the younger children and had a great interest in their development. She will be greatly missed in both schools.

2015-16 so far...

The full Governing Body meets every half term and already this year there have been discussions about:

Assessment – changes to assessment this year has been a major area for consideration for teachers, with Reception children undergoing a baseline assessment against which to measure their progress for their whole school career and then, from Year 1 onwards, measured against their achievements rather than a level of attainment.

Vision Statement – The Governors have been looking closely at the Federation's Vision Statement and how it applies to their work in the schools. The School Improvement and Development Plan is the practical implementation of our ambition for a high quality education for every child. Governors work very closely with the Mrs Newell and her strong team to help this plan to become a reality.

Monitoring – The Chair of Governors, along with governors, has been formulating a comprehensive monitoring plan for the year to make sure that all subjects/areas are covered. This is part of the ongoing work of the governing body to ensure that the schools' priorities for development are carried out.

Finance & Health and Safety – The Finance Committee reports to the Governing Body to ensure that a fair budget is set and that the Federation has stringent financial procedures in place. It also makes sure that all statutory Health and Safety measures are carried out and adhered to.

Thank you!

We would like to say a sincere thank you to all those who have committed themselves to support the two schools through the group of Friends. Their hard work and dedication is very much appreciated and we look forward to reporting more fully on what they have been doing in a later newsletter.

Feedback

Governors can be contacted by writing or emailing either of the schools in All Angels' Federation, please mark your communication for the attention of the Chair of Governors.

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