



17th July 2017

Message from The Chair of Governors

Dear Parents

The end of term is a few days away so I take this opportunity to say thank you to Our Head Teacher, Linda Payne and all the staff at St Joseph's School for their hard work over this past school year. The School continues to flourish with great successes, in the good academic achievements of all the pupils, on the playing fields and in the excellent SATS results of our year 6 pupils. Please see table below:

Y6 Sat results	Age related Expectation	Greater Depth
Reading	83%	30.4%
Writing	78.3%	21.7%
Mathematics	78.3%	34.8%
Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation	87%	43.5%

Over the past years the school has been fully redecorated from the Reception class through to year 6 with the dining room now an underwater cavern! It is good to see throughout the school clean, bright and roomy classrooms full of working children. Decorating will continue this summer holidays to maintain our high standards. Please refer to the statement from the Resources committee detailing more of the works to the school and the financial outcome.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Financial Performance

Note for Parents

St Joseph's has continued to have funded its full range of activities in 2016/17 and has continued to make significant improvements to the fabric, decoration and general school environment.

There are essential costs to running the school:

- paying everyone who works at the school – teachers, classroom assistants, the caretaker, staff in the school office and helpers at lunch and play time.
- providing books, IT and other equipment to assist the children's learning.
- paying for gas, electricity, telephone etc.
- looking after the building and the grounds.

In addition to those costs we were also able to find the money to continue refurbishment of the school. You will all have seen the enormous changes in the hall and the dining area which really make the school a pleasure to be in. Other work done during 2016/17 includes refurbishment in Year 6 and redecoration of the stairwells. When that is concluded, we will have fully refurbished the school over the last 9 Years.

Summary of income and expenditure

Income	
Local Authority Funding, including special needs	919,517
Pupil Premium	48,817
Other	66,783
Total	1,163,700

Expenditure	
Staff and related staff costs	767,635
Learning Resources and activities	38,648

Building and grounds	69,912
Utilities, rates etc	21,488
Admin and Catering costs	45,488
Total	1067,180

We are carrying a surplus of £96,520 into the current financial year. Although this is very healthy, the fact is that pressures on school budgets are increasing faster than income and so we may face some difficult decisions in the future on how we will manage the school's budget – but probably not for at least a couple of years.

I take this opportunity to thank my fellow Governors for all their hard work over this past year, it is the hidden work between the Staff and Governors that makes St Joseph's School a success story.

A good summer holiday to all.

Adrian Ramsden Chair of Governors.