



Governors' Newsletter 21

Summer Term, July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we will soon be closed for the summer holidays after another school year.

Our most important message to you all is to say a sincere thank you for all the support you have given us in the course of the past year. We could not hope to help your children make the progress they do without your collaboration.

As a Federation we are constantly looking for ways to make all that we do come alive in new and interesting ways for your children. It is always an exciting journey and your children play a key role in this. They take leadership roles through the various opportunities that are open to them in the course of the year. They help to develop awareness of diversity through their active involvement in the Culture Club. They inspire other schools by showing them how they do it. They become more aware of the world they live in through their learning linked to World Views.

The values that they explore and learn to incorporate into their lives underpin what happens in every area of school life: academic, spiritual and pastoral. We hope that all they have learned, at every level, will enable them to thrive and enjoy a really good summer. It has been a pleasure to be able to be part of this development work as governors.

Rosemary Games

Chair of Governors

Another Academic Year Complete

The second half of the summer term is always full of enjoyable educational activities because, with luck, the weather will allow some outdoor learning, visits to venues off school premises and also a chance for children to put into practice what they have learnt throughout the year. Also, for our leavers, there is a chance to celebrate their achievements and also look forward to the future at their new schools.

The Governors at All Angels' also get that end of year feeling. In the academic year 2022-23 Governors have met in scheduled meetings 14 times, had numerous monitoring meetings to talk with staff about curriculum, SEND, safeguarding, collective worship, health and safety, careers talks, budgets, and much more.

Most importantly Governors supported the Headteacher and staff during a successful OfSTED inspection which resulted in a glowing report from the inspector.

A busy year for the Governing body, not without challenges, but satisfyingly productive.



Department of Education Statutory Tests



There are many different Department of Education (DfE) statutory tests that the children take to measure school performance. The tests examine if they have achieved the expected national standards at certain stages of their education. Parents are informed of the results once the schools have received them from the DfE, however some are not reported as individual scores for children and are aggregated for school information only.

Here is a list of the tests that have to be administered during the summer term. More information can be found on the DfE website.

Reception	Early Years Foundation Stage Profile in 7 areas of learning relating to children aged 5 and under.
Year 1	Phonics Screening Test. 40 questions to assess how your child is progressing in phonics.
Year 2	Key Stage 1 assessments in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, and Maths for children aged 7 and under.
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check, online test of 25 questions to assess the application of times tables.
Year 6	Key Stage 2 assessments in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, and Maths for children aged 11 and under.

Looking Back and Forward

Thank You and Farewell

Governors are confident that children who leave our schools are ready to take on the challenge of their new establishment with confidence, prepared to face the experience with good expectations and excitement. We think about all who leave our schools with great fondness and love to hear about their progression through life beyond All Angels' Federation.

We wish every member of Year 6 the very best in all they do and hope that they take with them fond memories of their time at St Michael's as they move on to high school.

Leavers from Year 2 in Clover Hill will be joining children from other schools in Year 3 at St Michael's. All new children will have had transition days at the junior school to say hello to their new teacher and to meet new classmates.

We also say a fond farewell to staff who are leaving for other opportunities, or for retirement. We wish them all the best and hope that they will take inspiration and experience gained at All Angels with them to their new ventures.

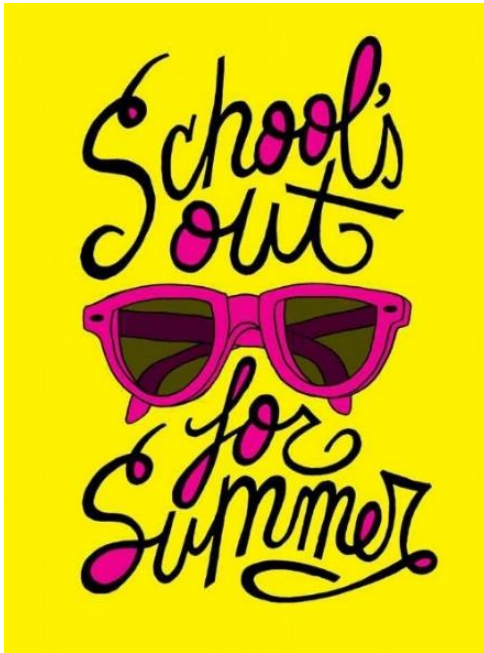
Thanks, to all of you for all you have added to the culture, atmosphere, prosperity and ethos of our schools.

Hello and Welcome

Governors also welcome all the new children and parents who are starting next term in our schools. It can be daunting to start a new school or begin your education in Nursery or Reception class, but with the help from their teacher and our support staff they will quickly settle into a routine for learning. We look forward to meeting you all and know that you will all bring your individuality and enthusiasm into our community.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.

Happy Summer Holidays



It's almost certain that the children are really looking forward to the long summer holiday. It is a chance to recover and recuperate, have exciting adventures, indulge in hobbies and pastimes, explore the world near and far, and also to spend time with family and friends outside of school.

All Angels' staff will also be enjoying a well-earned break, but they will also be planning for the new year, thinking up new ideas, and getting to grips with new curriculum and strategies.

The buildings will be looked over to see if there is any maintenance to be done, and the site team will be busy making sure all is safe for the new term.

All the Governors at All Angels' Federation wish everyone involved with St Michael's Junior and Clover Hill Infant and Nursery Schools a restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September refreshed and ready to go.

All Angels' Governors

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