

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a busy term for the Governing Body. We have welcomed our new staff governor, Year 3 teacher Miss Connie Rega and we all look forward to working with Connie over the coming term. Please have a look at the Governors' page on the school website for more details on who your governing body are. We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor, anyone interested in learning more about what this role involves should email Chair of Governors, Sally Curtis at s.curtis@clitherow.herts.sch.uk

Work carried out at a committee level is well underway. A special word of thanks from the Curriculum Committee who would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for supporting the introduction of the new Sex and Relationships Education Policy. The launch night in October was a great success and very well supported by parents: thank-you!

Finance and Personnel Committee would like to thank parents for their continued support of the School Building Fund (SBF). These funds are essential to the school, as a Voluntary Aided school, we are required to contribute 10% towards the total cost of any capital projects undertaken by the school. One off donations to the SBF can also be made via Parent Pay on the school website.

On another financial matter, we would also like to encourage any parent whose child is entitled to a free school meal (FSM) to ensure they have registered for this benefit. In addition to your child receiving a meal, there is a Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) of £1320 per child which goes directly to the school in order to further support your child. Even if your child is in KS1 and already receives the Universal Free School Meal provided for all infant children, an application can still be made which could provide extra funding for the school. All information regarding FSM is held in the strictest of confidence by the school. More information regarding FSM and PPG will be made available early next term.

Academies

As you will be aware, the Diocese of Westminster, as our Trustees, have been working on a policy to invite all of their schools to convert to Academies. The governing body have established an academies subcommittee and will work diligently with the diocese, keeping you informed as information becomes available. Should you have any initial questions regarding conversion to academy status, please email s.curtis@clitherow.herts.sch.uk.



Jesus lives in us, our families, our school, our Church, our world. Jesus is our guide, let us follow Him
At St Margaret Clitherow School we are committed to Safeguarding Children

Opportunities to work in the school

The school is always keen to make use of the skills and talents of volunteers. If you have time to spare and wish to help please email Mr White (head@clitherow.herts.sch.uk) to express an interest.

Currently we are advertising two posts: an SEN teaching assistant for the EYFS (15 hrs mornings only) and a lunch time supervisor (1.5 hrs per day). Both jobs are advertised on the TeachinHerts website (<https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?schoolid=520>) – please spread the word if you know anyone who might be interested.

Hello's, Goodbye's and Thank-you's!

We welcome Mr Kilbey and Miss Jones to the school. Mr Kilbey has been appointed as Year 6's teaching assistant and Miss Jones has joined the Nursery team.

Our Year 1 teaching assistant Mrs Howard will be leaving us at Christmas. We wish Mrs Howard well as she moves forward with her career.

We also say goodbye to one of our cleaners Mrs Wan. Mrs Wan has been with the school for over 10 years: we wish her a very happy retirement.

Thanks, as always, goes to our wonderful PFSA. They work tirelessly throughout the year to organise events, raising much needed funds for the school. The Christmas Fayre was a huge success and will hopefully have raised enough funds for the school to purchase one more interactive screen for the EYFS. Many thanks also to all who support these events. It really does make a massive difference to the school and it is wonderful to see our school community join together on these occasions.

On behalf of the whole school community, may we take this opportunity to say a big thank-you to Mr White and all the staff for their work throughout this first term. We are all blessed to have our children in such a happy, safe, warm and loving environment that is St Margaret Clitherow school.

Finally, we wish you and your families a very happy Christmas, we look forward to working with you in the New Year

With very best wishes



Chair of Governors

