



Governor Newsletter Spring 2016



Well it seems like we've barely had chance to get back into the swing of things after our Christmas break, before embarking on another celebration in our Christian calendar. Although we are almost at the end of two extremely short half terms, we have still had plenty of opportunity to fit in lots of inspiring and motivating governor visits.

Governor visits are a great source of information to us and truly give us a fantastic insight into the efforts made to make each day fun and interesting for our children. Standards are being raised with each and every lesson and the focus is, indeed on delivering the best education for all children at St Michaels.

We would like to welcome to the Governing Body Father Gerry Sykes. Most of you will know Father Gerry from St Michael's church as well as being a regular visitor to the Academy. A very warm welcome from us all!

If you wish to discuss any issues or concerns you may have with us, we can be contacted on governors@stmichaelsacademy.org.uk

Mr John McLeod	Chair of Governors
Mr Faz Islam	Head Teacher Standards/Resources Committee
Mrs Gemma Stringer	Vice Chair of Governors Parent Governor Training Link Governor Resources/Standards Committee Governor for SEN
Mrs Natalie Cooper	Diocesan Governor Resources Committee Chair Standards Committee Governor for Pupil Premium
Mrs Susan Murphy	Diocesan Governor Standards Committee
Mrs Bridgette Woods	Parent Governor Resources Committee Governor for Safeguarding and Health and Safety

Mrs Michelle Woodward	Parent Governor Resources Committee
Mrs Lynn Cowling	Parent Governor Standards Committee Chair
Miss Laura Gorman	Staff Governor
Mr Stuart Cruickshank	Staff Governor
Father Gerry Sykes	Parish Vicar

Governor Visits

As well as attending visits and completing relevant training courses, governors also play a part in daily school life, from running the school library and Friday morning toddler group, to volunteering listening to the children read. We are also looking forward to attending the year 3 and 4 Easter production this week. We hope to see many of you there.

Take a look at what visits we have attended this term.

Writing and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) - Mrs Hawkins	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Lynn Cowling
Reading update - Miss Parkin	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Lynn Cowling
Continued Professional Development of Staff - Mr Islam	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Lynn Cowling
Mathematics - Miss Brook	Gemma Stringer Natalie Cooper Michelle Woodward

Scheduled monitoring visits for the summer term include

- Health and Safety Walk
- Safeguarding
- Special Educational Needs
- Learning Walk - Working Environment
- Early Years

Training Courses Attended

Effective Standards Committee	Natalie Cooper Gemma Stringer Lynn Cowling
PREVENT - Safeguarding	Gemma Stringer Bridgette Woods

Uniform

Can I please remind you of our School uniform and ask that children arrive at school with everything they need to keep them warm and dry throughout the cold months but also cool and protected from the sun as the weather hopefully warms up.

School uniform can be ordered via the school office from our preferred supplier "Coptrin". The uniform consists of:-

- Grey trousers/shorts/skirts
- Grey Pinafore dress or red and white checked summer dress
- Red jumper/cardigan **must be complete with academy logo**
- White/red polo shirt (Logo optional but preferred)
- **Black shoes** (No black trainers)

Finally, I would like to offer our support to Michelle Woodward, who is currently in training for her second 10k charity run for Wakefield Hospice. Michelle recently achieved her personal goal and completed her first 10k run before Christmas in the Leeds Abbey Dash. Her motivation is truly inspiring and I know Abby and Jake are extremely proud of their mum, as are we. Good Luck Michelle!

Also, Bridgette Woods and her daughter and ex-pupil Jess Woods will be taking part in their first charity run this summer. With the support of their loving family, Bridgette and Jess will be taking part in the Race for Life 5k run raising money for Cancer research UK. (<https://www.justgiving.com/bridgettewoods>.) Good Luck ladies!

Gemma Stringer
Vice Chair of Governors