



Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and staff,

We hope you and your families are all keeping well. We know it has been a very challenging year for many in our school community and the governors would like to thank everyone for their continued support to the school and to Mrs Burnham and her staff team throughout this year.

As Governors, we have been able to start some of our in-school monitoring activities again this term and it has been lovely to see all the children back in school and feel the buzz and energy in the classrooms.

The governors would like to thank Mrs Burnham and all her staff for their hard work and commitment to achieve the best for all the children in our school this year, both in school and working from home at different times through the year.

Despite Covid challenges, the PA has continued to provide very welcome and effective support for the school, providing much needed extra funding. Everything the PA does benefits the whole school community and this year we have to thank the PA for their contribution to the new IT Suite and seating for the hall in particular.

The school hall extension is almost finished, and the children are already benefiting from the extra space and facilities. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this school development project so far. Over the summer holiday, retractable tiered seating is scheduled to be installed and we hope parents and guardians can be back in school in the autumn term to make use of it.

We have been busy spending the Governors Fund money this year. This money comes from regular contributions from our parents and from the 'buy a brick' scheme for the hall - thank you to all contributors. The compulsory 10% Governors Fund contribution to the building project is paid (£18.5K from parent contributions and £50K fundraised by Governors via a local infrastructure 'CIL' grant from the council) and we are also paying £14K towards the tiered seating in the hall, £17K for new audio-visual equipment for the hall and £3.9K for a new school server. The Governors Fund balance is now down to the minimum balance we are required to maintain to cover our contribution to any emergency expenditure that the school buildings might need in the future, and will therefore need to be built up again for any additional school infrastructure development expenditure – if any families meant to buy a brick and never got round to it, or haven't set up a regular contribution to the governors fund yet (£5 or £10 a month or your chosen amount) we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Thank you to the four parents who put themselves forward for the vacant Parent Governor position and to all those who voted for them. We are very pleased to welcome Felicity Spencer to the school governor team.

As we end this school year, we say farewell to our Year 6 children who move onto the next step in their education. To all our leavers we send our very best wishes and wish them every success.

I and the rest of the governors wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to welcoming all the children back next term.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Rice

Chair of Governors