



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

We aspire to be guided in all that we do by our inclusive Christian ethos. We are enthusiastic about life-long learning and share wisdom in serving each other and our world. We encourage all to live lives of hope and aspiration, inspired through acquiring new skills and attributes. Dignity and respect are at the heart of our school.

17th July 2023

Dear Staff, Governors, Parents and Carers,

RE : LETTER FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As the academic year draws to a close I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone at St. Anne's for their unwavering dedication and hard work.

Staff at St. Anne's continue to work tirelessly to ensure that all children are thriving not only academically but also socially, emotionally and spiritually. This sentiment is echoed most loudly in the report from our recent SIAMS inspection. I am quite sure you will agree that the report reflects the ethos of our school and demonstrates the commitment by Staff and pupils, ensuring that every child reaches their full potential and becomes the best that they can be. We are most proud of this report and would also like to thank you, our parents and carers for your support which was abundantly clear to our SIAMS inspector.

During the past 9 years as governor at St. Anne's (6 of those as Chair). I have watched the school go from strength to strength. Even during the most challenging of times the school did not falter but rather rose to each occasion ensuring that the needs of all children were always met. With the school now at its strongest (certainly in my time), I have taken the very tough decision to step down as Governor and make way for the next person who can help to take St. Anne's onto the next phase of its journey to becoming an "Outstanding" school. It has been both an honour and a privilege to serve on the board and to be able to give something back to my local community, I consider myself to be incredibly lucky to have been part of such a fantastic school. I would like to thank each and every person who has supported me personally during my time at St. Anne's, in particular all board members who work tirelessly behind the scenes giving their time freely to help support and challenge the school and support myself and one another - your commitment to St. Anne's is phenomenal and for that I am most grateful.

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A special thanks also has to go to Mr. Hobson who started his journey as Head Teacher as I became "Chair", it has been an incredible journey and I know that I am leaving St. Anne's in very capable hands.

It has been wonderful to see St. Anne's back in full swing with the many exciting events taking place across the academic year. Thank you to all staff who make these things possible and give of their own free time for our children to have such wonderful and varied experiences. From all members of the board thank you for all you do for St. Anne's, their families and our community.

To our Year students many of you will be feeling anxious about the transition to a new school but we just know that you will quickly find your feet and are absolutely ready to embrace the new and exciting challenges of High School life. We wish you all the very best for the future and hope that you continue to "make learning a lifelong friend", and remember "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart" (Colossians 3:23)

On behalf of the governing body we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and restful summer break.

Best Wishes,

R Orbell

Mrs. R. Orbell
Chair of Governors

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