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Dear Parents and Carers,

GOVERNORS' UPDATE

Before the Summer Term comes to an end, I thought it useful to advise you of some of the current initiatives.

1. Governors' Role

You may recall from earlier Parentmails, that the role of governors is a strategic one. This means that, amongst other things, governors agree policies and objectives for the school. We monitor and evaluate the progress that the school is making in achieving these goals. We also have a statutory duty to support and challenge the head teacher.

2. Communications

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We will also retain the "post box" (located in the main hallway) for those without access to email, or those who wish to raise issues on an anonymous basis.

We are exploring developing communication links between parents and the governors. The format for this is to be discussed at our next Full Governors Body Meeting (to be held on 7 July 2015). Once this has been agreed, we will report fully.

3. Performance /Financial Update

I attach a copy of the current Department of Education School Performance Tables. This gives an indication of how our children performed at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 in 2014. There is also a financial analysis showing how the school allocated the funding it receives from the Local Authority in 2013-2014.

4. Special Education Needs

The school is working towards becoming a recognised “dyslexia friendly school”. Accordingly, we have allocated significant funding to staff training and recruitment.

We have recruited a SEN trained TA (Year 5) to support children throughout the school and we are currently looking to recruit additional SEN qualified staff.

I attach a copy of a “Provision Map” used by the school. This shows the typical strategies put in place by the school for children who need additional support.

5. Meeting the Parents

We would like to invite all parents/carers to come and informally meet the governors on **Friday 10 July 2015 at 9.00-9.30am** for a coffee and a chat.

We will get together in the seating area at the front of the house. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

We appreciate that everyone is busy but we are hoping that you might be able to fit this event into the school run - thus the timing.

6. FOSTAS - Summer Fair

We would like to thank wholeheartedly all of the FOSTAS Team for all of their hard work in organising a brilliant summer fair, and for all the other events they have organised this year.

As well as generating extra funds for our children, FOSTAS give up a lot of time to provide us with great opportunities to showcase St Anthony’s by bringing us together as a school community, outside of the standard school routine.

We would also like to thank all of the staff that helped man stalls this year. It made it a very inclusive and wonderful occasion.

7. School Redecoration

We have a great school that we can all be proud of. To make sure that it remains a lovely environment for our children, funding has been allocated to enable painters to come in during the summer break to give the school a “freshen up”.

As and when we have further developments/information to share, we will send out a further update. In the interim, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 10 July 2015.

Kind regards

Mary-Jo Sutton
Chair Board of Governors
On behalf of all of the Board of Governors