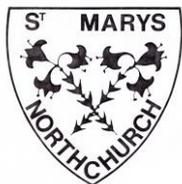


Excellence Together, Learning through Faith.



ST.MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NORTHCHURCH
BERKHAMSTED
HERTS
HP4 3QZ

Headteacher: Miss V.M. Hunt

Tel: 01442 389040 Fax: 01442 390589
Email: admin@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk



5th September, 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. The staff and governors have been working hard over the summer to make the school a better place for the children.

You may or may not be aware that as a Church of England Voluntary Aided School, the Governors / Diocese are responsible for the maintenance of the fabric of the school building, rather than County.

To this end, the school either receives funds by way of a grant from the Diocese, with the governing body funding 10%, or funds have to be found from within budget. This is why each year the governing body asks parents to consider making voluntary contributions towards the upkeep of the school, as the governing body only has a very limited means of income.

For the past three years the school has been applying to the Diocese for funds to refurbish the junior toilets. A high priority with the children. Unfortunately these applications have been unsuccessful. However, I am delighted to announce that due to some very prudent budgeting by Miss Hunt and the governing body, and with the help of a local contractor, the refurbishment has taken place during the summer holidays. Not only have the toilets been fully refurbished, but they have also been partly converted into changing rooms, something seriously lacking before.

I wish to publicly thank Miss Hunt and our site manager Mr Burkett for managing the project over the holidays on behalf of the school, and our contractor, Mr Draper for ensuring best value, excellent workmanship and completion ready for the children to return.

I also wish to thank the School Association who work tirelessly to raise additional funds for the school. Their fundraising makes a huge difference and I hope you will continue to support their efforts. As a direct result of their fundraising, the school gates have been replaced and an additional pathway installed over the summer holidays. This is in addition to all the other items they have funded over the year. Thank you for all that you do, and again thank you to Mr Draper, Miss Hunt and Mr Burkett for managing and completing the works.

I would also ask parents / carers and or those connected to the church to consider becoming a school governor at St Mary's. It is a rewarding and enjoyable role. The governing body currently has a number of vacancies, and details of nominations for parent governor elections will be sent out this week. Please feel free to contact me via the school with any questions you may have.

Wishing you all the best for the coming school year.

Yours sincerely

Alan Kemp Chair of Governors