

Thursday 17th December 2015

Letter to the Parents of St Pauls Academy from the Chair of Governors

I am writing to you in my newly elected role as Chair of Governors for St Pauls Academy. The Governors have been busy since September and I want to communicate what we have been doing and invite you to let us know what you are thinking about the school at any time – at a school event, via email, or anyway that is convenient for you.

The Governors

If you are not familiar with what school governors do, they:

- 1) ***Set the school vision, values and strategic direction***
- 2) ***Monitor and evaluate the school's performance***
- 3) ***Ensure that the school is accountable to those it serves***

To learn more about the Governing Body, please see the school website www.st-pauls.sandwell.sch.uk

St Pauls Academy in 2015

The academic year so far has been an exciting and positive one for St Pauls Academy. Our Principal, Anna McGuire is heading into her 6th year at the school and we remain fully enrolled to our maximum. We welcome our new Assistant Principal Kate Winchurch and Reception teacher Miss Holden. Congratulations to Miss Rostron LSP who has recently had a baby girl.

Our achievements this year include a Music Mark for providing high quality music education and The Sainsbury's Sports Bronze Award, showing our commitment to the development of competition within our school and into the community. Our school teams have taken part in a wide range of Sporting Activities- led by Mr Gambon.

Congratulations to Mollie Anderson, one of our Year 5 pupils, who was a runner up in Adrian Baileys our M.P.'s Xmas card competition.

The children have taken part in many charitable fundraising events including a Macmillan coffee morning, Children In Need and the poppy appeal raising almost £600, as well as supporting the Well food bank in Tipton with their harvest donations.

Our Key Stage 2 results indicate that our level 4 and level 5 performances are above the local and national levels in reading, writing, maths as well as grammar, punctuation and spelling, which is fantastic news for everyone involved.

Thanks

It remains to thank all those who work so hard on behalf of the children in the school: the Principal, Vice Principal, School Business Manager, Teachers, Learning Support Practitioners and our Parents Association who have supported events in school and raised lots of money and everyone else who work tirelessly in support of your children.

In addition, we appreciate the support given by all parents in so many different ways to St Pauls Academy. Thank you to Reverend Allen who has supported our harvest festival, Christingle service and Christmas Nativity.

Thank you to all the Governors for their support and commitment to the school, the governance of the school is very much a team effort.

With best wishes for the Christmas Holidays and for 2016.

Alison Foster

Chair of Governors