



19th April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 1 Headteacher Update

Firstly, I hope you had a happy and Holy Easter and had the opportunity to reflect on the greatest aspect of our liturgical year.

We began our Lenten journey with Jesus in the desert and we did our best to pray as we travelled with him during those forty days. On Palm Sunday, we greeted him joyfully with palms and cries of Hosanna! On Holy Thursday Jesus offered himself to us as the Bread and Cup of Life and he asked us to love and serve each other as he had shown us. On Good Friday, we stood with the crowd and watched as Jesus was betrayed, denied, beaten, condemned and crucified. With Mary his mother, we saw him being buried in the tomb. On Easter Sunday, we stood with Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb. Having travelled with Jesus through Lent and stood beside him as he endured his passion, we now stand at the empty tomb and share in the power, glory, joy and the new life of his Resurrection. Today, more than ever we are called not only to experience the Good News of the Resurrection, but we are also called to be people of Good News in our daily lives. We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our song!

As we start our new term, I would like to invite you to stand for election as a Parent Governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for two Parent Governors and there is currently one vacancy. The Governing Board, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing Boards have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed, and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the work of the Governing Board. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with skills and experience in Secondary education or in accountancy. Training is available for all Governors and this Governing Board has an expectation that those new to governance attend free induction training.

This [link](#) summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a Governor. In addition, parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections. Nominations must be from Parents or Carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the nomination form at this [link](#) and return it to Miss Bowers no later than **Thursday 5th May February at 12:00pm**. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent. If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Have a fantastic first week back and if you need anything or have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch at headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher