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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

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Dear Parents

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This is the first newsletter that we have written to parents and we intend to update parents on a termly basis to keep you well informed of developments taking place at school. We are sure, that like us, you will have been delighted to see that the school was awarded a 'Good' rating by OFSTED in January. This is a great reward for all the hard work that the school's senior leadership team, teachers and pupils have put in over the past two years.

Below you will find the details of our governing body and the committees that we support:

Foundation Governors (7)	Local Authority Governor (1)	Parent Governors (2)	Staff Governor (1)	Headteacher (1)
Mr John Concannon (Vice Chair) Mrs Catherine Doherty Brother Andrew Ferris Mrs Kirsty Holden Mrs Jayne Logue Mrs Mary McMahon (Chair)	Mr Martin Scott	Mrs Joanne Harmon Mrs Samantha Kolar	Mr Anthony Wilkes	Mr Andrew Neenan

Committees	Teaching & Learning	Resources (Finance and Staffing)	Behaviour & Safety
Chair	Mrs Joanne Harmon	Mr Martin Scott	Mr John Concannon
Members	Br Andrew Ferris Mrs Kirsty Holden Mrs Samantha Kolar Mrs Jayne Logue Mrs Mary McMahon Mr Andrew Neenan	Mr John Concannon Br Andrew Ferris Mr Gerard Hammond Mrs Jayne Logue Mrs Mary McMahon Mr Andrew Neenan	Mrs Catherine Doherty Mrs Kirsty Holden Mr Jayne Logue Mr Gerrard Hammond Mr Andrew Neenan Mr Anthony Wilkes

We would like to let you know about some of the building development projects that have taken place in the school over the past 12-24 months that have made a significant improvement to the school building and classrooms:

- New roof (removed and replaced with a watertight cover)
- New boiler and heating system (removed asbestos, pipes replaced and converted to gas)
- Redecorated classrooms in Years 4, 5 and 6 (painted, new carpets, blinds, doors and ceiling tiles)
- New kitchen facility

Our school was fortunate to bid for and obtain an LCVAP (Local Authority Voluntary Aided Programme) funding towards the roofing and heating projects. LCVAP is the funding scheme by which faith schools apply to the Local Authority (through the Diocese) for grants for building projects. None of this would have been possible without the help and oversight of John Concannon, our Vice Chair, who has been

instrumental in supporting these projects. The new roof and heating system have secured the school building for many years to come (please see some photographs of the new roof at the end of this newsletter).

The total cost of these projects was over £700,000 which is a significant investment in our school. As Holy Name is a faith school we are obliged to make a 10% (£70,000) contribution towards these projects. With school budgets being very tight this school contribution has placed pressure on our school's resources and funds.

We are planning to make further improvements around the school over the next six to twelve months:

- New desks in Years 4, 5 and 6 (our wonderfully supportive PTA are funding this)
- New interactive whiteboards across the school (supported by our school fund)
- Improvement to the grassed area at front of school to make better use of the space available

In addition to this we have plans to make further improvements in school including:

- Improved outdoor play area for Early Years (this is an OFSTED recommendation and has been included in our school improvement plan for the past two years – but the cost of this project has slowed its progress)
- Library improvements
- ICT suite improvements

As you will see there has been lots going on in school that has helped to provide a safe and secure school for your children and also provide them with an improved learning environment.

We want to ensure that school continues to maintain and improve the learning environment for your children.

Here is where you can help. We would like parents to make a small regular contribution towards school funds to assist with some of these future projects. We will write to you again in September with more details of the proposals.

In the meantime, thank you for your support over the past few years. We look forward to working with the children, teachers and senior leadership team over the coming years. We hope that you find this newsletter informative and would welcome any feedback from parents or carers.

Kind regards

Martin Scott

Local Authority Governor

Gerard Hammond

Foundation Governor

For and on behalf of Holy Name Board of Governors



