



Governors Update

Summer Term 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe we are at the end of our school year. This was an exciting and truly amazing year. We had Miss Kelly taking on the leadership of St Catherine. Miss Kelly, the senior leadership team and all the staff have done a great job, and St Catherine's has reached great results. We are on an upward trajectory and I am sure we are looking forward to our successes next year.

I also would like to take this opportunity to update you on a project that I know is at the heart of everyone in St Catherine's community: the Performing Arts Hub. The Governors and the school are strongly committed to this project. It is unfortunate that things have been moving more slowly than anticipated, but we have been working on it. Earlier in the year some governors and Miss Kelly went to see different buildings in different schools to identify the most suitable style for St Catherine's. Once we identified the design that was closest to our requirements, we invited the building company to talk to us. At that first meeting, we were informed that the cost of the project would be around £200K. We then arranged a proper survey of our facilities and a second meeting with this company, the Governors and some members of the PTA. While we expected this to be a kick off meeting, we were very much disappointed in hearing that the project costs had jumped to £400K. The Governors, Headteacher and the PTA knew this was not only a sum we could not afford, but was unrealistic. Unfortunately, this meant we lost valuable time with this company. However, we are determined to realise this project for our school and our children. This is part of our vision for the future of St Catherine's. One of the Governors has researched another company, which is carrying out similar projects. They have scheduled a site visit for next week. We are very hopeful. However, as keen as we are, we have also decided to instruct a consultant to further research companies delivering projects similar to those we are interested in, to define an accurate budget for our 'ideal art hub' and move us to a position where we can instruct a company to start the work.

I do apologise if things appear to have been slow. We were unable to provide you with accurate information until now, but overall this is good news, we are moving forward and we will keep you posted as to what the next steps will be in the new academic year.

In the meanwhile, on behalf of the Governing Body I wish you and your families a happy summer break; I also would like to thank all the families that are leaving us this year, thank you for your support and very best of luck to our Y6 children, we are sure you will make St Catherine's proud. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Best wishes

Alessia Errico

Your school Governing Body are.....

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