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Governors' Newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

How quickly time goes... we enjoyed the fireworks and now look forward to Christmas – as always a lovely time of year. This time last year we welcomed Rev Alan Comfort to St John's Church and our school governing board. This year we have welcomed our new parent governor, Nicole Van den Eijnde, and Jane Airey from St John's PCC. It is clear that they both have excellent skills, which they will be bringing to the Governing Board. It is always helpful to have new people with fresh eyes to help us continue to serve the school, helping to ensure that we continue to work towards providing your children with the best education and life skills.

This term the school has started to develop the curriculum in line with Ofsted's renewed focus on delivering a 'broad and balanced' curriculum. Whilst the school have always provided engaging and stimulating learning opportunities, this new focus will ensure that there is a very clear structure and progression to the children's learning across all subjects. The school will provide information to parents about the curriculum for each year group through the school website next term.

We also thank the St John's Parents group for being very supportive to the school over the years and helping to provide funding for a wide range of activities. Last year was a challenge as a number of parents had moved on when their children started secondary school. So we welcome the new parents getting involved and look forward to the 'Winter Wonderland' event being organised for 3:30pm, Friday 13th December.

We would also like to thank our school parents and their extended friends and families. We recognise the value of the support of family and community for the St John's children, which is so important in underpinning the children's efforts in school. The way some subjects are taught – particularly maths – seem so different from our own school days and can sometimes be a bit daunting: we want to support you all to be able to support your children – so if there is anything you would like us to do then please let us know. Any comments or suggestions from parents about the school and the governing board are always appreciated.

And as always, our thanks to Mr Welsh and the staff team for all their hard work.

On behalf of the governing body,

Sue Hallam

Chair of Governors

