

Day/Month	September 2015	October 2015	November 2015	December 2015	January 2016	February 2016	March 2016	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016	July 2016
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2015	28/9: Whitby week	2: Return to School	31 <sup>st</sup> November	28	1:	29 February	28 March	2: May Day Bank Holiday	6: Return to School	4: OLYMPIC WEEK
Tuesday	1:	29/9	3:	1	29	2:	1	29 March	3	7	5
Wednesday	2:	30/9	4:	2	30	3	2	30 March	4: Group Photos	8:	6
Thursday	3:	1	5	3	31	4	3	31 March	5:	9	7:
Friday	4:	2	6:	4	1: New Year's Day	5:	4	1	6:	10	8
Saturday	5:	3:	7	5 Family Disco	2	6	5:	2:	7	11:	9
Sunday	6	4:	8	6:	3:	7	6:	3:	8	12	10:
Monday	7: INSET Day	5	9	7	4: INSET DAY	8:	7	4:	9: Y6 SATS Week	13:	11:
Tuesday	8: Return to school	6 School Mass for St Theresa/Harvest	10	8 EYFS Nativity (am)	5: Return to School	9: Safer Internet Day	8:	5:	10	14	12:
Wednesday	9	7	11:	9: EYFS Nat (pm) 7pm: CCCC Advent Liturgy	6:	10: Ash Wednesday	9	6:	11	15:	13:
Thursday	10	8 Big Sing: Y6	12	10:	7	11: FOST Discos	10	7	12:	16:	14 :
Friday	11	9	13	11:	8:	12: Break for half term	11:	8	13	17:	15: Reports sent home
Saturday	12	10:	14	12:	9:	13:	12:	9	14:	18	16
Sunday	13	11:	15	13:	10	14	13 Children's Mass at 10.00 at St T's	10	15	19:	17:
Monday	14	12	16	14: KS1 Nativity	11	15: February half term holiday	14: KS2 SHOW WEEK!	11: Return to School	16	20:	18: HP Treat Day: NEW venue!!
Tuesday	15	13	17: Y6 Pars' Evening	15: KS1 Nativity	12	16:	15	12: Parents' evening: 6 – 8.30	17	21	19 Leavers' Mass and disco: 6.00pm
Wednesday	16	14 FOST AGM: 7pm	18: Ind. Photos FOST Mtg: 7pm	16: Nursery Parties am and pm	13	17	16	13:	18	22	20
Thursday	17	15:	19: Y6 Parents Evening	17: Christmas Parties	14 FOST mtg: 7pm	18	17	14: Parents' evening: 4 – 6.30	19	23	21
Friday	18	16 Open Day for New Parents (am)	20:	18: Mass: 9.30am Break up for 2wks	15	19	18	15:	20	24	22: Mass: 9.30 Break for summer
Saturday	19	17:	21:	19:	16	20:	19:	16:	21	25	23:
Sunday	20	18	22	20:	17	21	20	22:	22:	26:	24
Monday	21	19:	23	21: Christmas and New Year Holiday	18	22: Return to School	21	18:	23	27	25 INSET Day
Tuesday	22	20 Pars' Evening: 6.00 – 8.30	24	22	19	23:	22	19:	24	28	26 INSET Day
Wednesday	23	21: Big Sing, Liturgy Thing	25	23	20	24	23	20:	25	29	27
Thursday	24: Macmillan Coffee Morning in School: 9.00	22: Pars' Evening: 4.00-6.30	26	24	21	25	24: Mass 9.30 Break school	21:	26:	30	28
Friday	25: INSET day	23: Break for October half term	27	25: Christmas Day	22	26	25: Good Friday	22: Easter Mass in School: 9.30am	27 Break up for Spring Bank	1 July	29
Saturday	26:	24:	28	26	23:	27	26: The Vigil	23	28	2 July	30
Sunday	27	25	29: Children's Mass at 10.00 at St T's	27	24	28	27: Easter Sunday	24	29	3 July	31
Monday	28: Whitby Week for Y6	26 Autumn Half Term Hols	30	28	25 D-Side Drugs awareness week	29 Feb.	28 Easter Monday	25	30 Spring Bank Holidays		
Tuesday	29	27		29	26:		29:	26	31		
Wednesday	30	28/10		30	27:		30:	27	1 June		
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> October	29/10		31	28		31/3	28	2 June		
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	30/10		1 January 2016	29		1 April 2016	29:	3 June		
Saturday		31/10			30			30	4 June		
Sunday		1/11			31:			1 May: Crowing of Mary at Mass	5 June		

\*FHC dates will be published in the Newsletters; Fr Paul will also send a letter home to Year 3 parents as soon as dates have been set.



### CHAIR'S WELCOME –

A very warm welcome to everyone as we return back to school after a marathon 7 weeks off! Special welcome goes to those new to our school - particularly those joining us in Nursery and Reception and our new members of staff – Miss Nicholson, Mr Kearney & Mr Rushfirth as teaching

staff and Mrs McNutt and Miss Robinson as SEN TAs in Nursery alongside Mrs Jackson on the school reception desk.

The past year was another busy year in school and we look back at what we, as a Governing Body wanted to achieve on behalf of our school.

As a Governing Body, our main responsibility is for the standards in school and holding the Head Teacher (and school) to account in both a challenging and supportive way. In order to do this, Governors now routinely attend the Pupil Progress Meetings. These are meetings where senior members of staff meet with each class teacher and look at the progress of each child. Involving Governors in such meetings allows us to see first-hand how rigorously this is done and to ensure appropriate resources are put in place where needed. Indeed, many extra support sessions have been implemented over the past year to assist those pupils (your children) who are in need of such sessions.

As you know, the school is, among other things, measured on performance at the end of each Key Stage – Key Stage 1 (end of Year 2 SATS) and Key Stage 2 (end of Year 6 SATS) and in June we had another great year! As a Governing Body, we also look at all year groups to make sure appropriate progress is taking place and not just focussing on the Years 2 and 6 performance.



**School Results:** The Governors and I are delighted to present the 2015 school's results for you.

KS1 2015	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Level 1/W	10%	0%	12%	5%	7%	5%
L2 or above	90%	100%	88%	95%	93%	95%
L2b or above	83%	87%	72%	79%	85%	85%
Level 3	33%	28%	15%	20%	25%	20%

The KS1 results are super and show tremendous progress for this cohort of children. We are also delighted with the KS2 results which maintain, and improve on, the excellent results from 2014.

KS2 2015	Reading		Writing		Maths		SPAG	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
L4 or above	95%	95%	90%	88%	93%	90%	85%	79%
Level 5+	57%	43%	36%	29%	46%	53%	57%	55%
Level 6	0	0	0	0	11%	7%	2%	0
Level 3	3%	3%	8%	10%	7%	8%	13%	19%
Below L3 or absent	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%

We fully expect an OFSTED inspection this coming year and this may well occur as early as this term. We are very positive about such an inspection and would invite parents to complete the online Parentview survey on our school – to do so please visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> where you can register and leave feedback for our school at any time throughout the year. It would be great if these were done in advance of any inspection.

This past year also saw the launch of our new school website - it is well populated with all the key information about our school and you can find the answers to lots of questions you may have. Please visit this at <http://www.st-theresas.leeds.sch.uk/>. On the subject of technology, we are investing in 30 new iPADS for use in school. These will be available for classes in the near future!



During the past year we were successful in our bid under the Primary Schools Building Programme 2 for either a full refurbishment of our school or a rebuild. We expect a decision and timescales this term and will of course let you know! Specific thanks in this regard must go to Mark Nicholson (left). Mark is currently the Vice Chair of Governors but also heads up our Premises Committee – His professional experience in Premises and health & safety is an invaluable asset to our school. Mark has persistently knocked on the doors of the powers that be to highlight our need in this regard. Thanks must also go to former MP George Mudie, who at Mark's request raised the issue with the relevant departments and ministers.

You will hopefully recall from the Governors' Newsletter last year that we were looking to improve further the relationship between the school/home/Parish. The First Holy Communion preparation was more thorough with many successful home visits to the families. We also saw a few successful children's Sunday Masses at the three churches in our Parish. It is intended to hold similar Masses this year with the first one being held at St Theresa's Church on the first Sunday of Advent. Dates are on the Calendar on the reverse of this newsletter.

Governors are keen to further improve this area and we would like to see more children and families regularly attending Sunday Mass especially if your child is preparing for, or has just received, FHC. This is after all what you as parents agreed to do when making your promises when your children were baptised. Please also try to attend any school Masses which take place throughout the year; The TORCH group is also something worth considering as well as the termly Family Masses.



Parking in and around school has been a contentious issue over the past year. It was necessary to close the school playground which was used as a car park due to the damage caused by vehicles and the fact that some people were not adhering to the rules. I don't propose to regurgitate to the events of last year, save as to say when the car park is open (mornings) please park in a marked bays only or park off site. The top car park is now reserved for staff parking only. If you do park off site, please be considerate to local residents and park in a safe, convenient and legal place to avoid being issued with a ticket!

### The Governing Body

- Damian Heaney (Chair) – Foundation Governor
- Mark Nicholson (Vice-Chair) – Foundation Governor
- Heidi Farrell – Foundation Governor
- Sharon Glynn – Foundation Governor
- Deacon Sean Quigley – Foundation Governor
- Gary Proctor – Foundation Governor
- Tony Russo – Foundation Governor
- Doris McGee – Local Authority Governor
- Fiona Science – Parent Governor
- Marie Mahony – Parent Governor
- Jane Ryan – Staff Governor
- John Hutchinson – Headteacher & Governor

The Governing Body consists of 12 Governors, 7 of which are Foundation Governors and are appointed by the bishop to maintain the Catholic ethos of the school. The full Governing Body formally meets 6 times each year with additional meetings as needed.

There are also smaller committees (which meet 3 times per year) to look at specific areas: Finance & Personnel Committee

- Premises and Health & Safety Committee
- Standards, Inclusions & Admissions Committee
- Headteacher's Performance Management Committee

Being a Governor is very rewarding – not financially though I hasten to add, as the role is purely voluntary! Although we have no vacancies for Governors at present, there may well be vacancies in the future so please consider if this is something you may be interested in.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Governors for all their continued hard work on behalf of the school and the pupils whom we serve. I would also like to extend this gratitude to the Governors' families who allow us to devote the time and effort needed to function as an effective Governing Body. God bless and thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter!

Yours in Christ,

*Damian Heaney, Chair of Governors*