

St Columba's Catholic Primary School Governing Body is delighted to bring you our latest Governor Newsletter. This newsletter is part of our plan to ease communication and create a link between governors, staff, parents/carers and children. Through this newsletter we plan to share with you what the school governors do and to introduce you to who the governors are.

### **Contacting the Governing Body**

We welcome and value your comments about the school. Any communication to The Governing Body should be addressed to 'The Chair of Governors' and handed in to the school office. If you would like to discuss anything in relation to the day to day running of the school, please speak to the headteacher, Miss Evans, in the first instance.

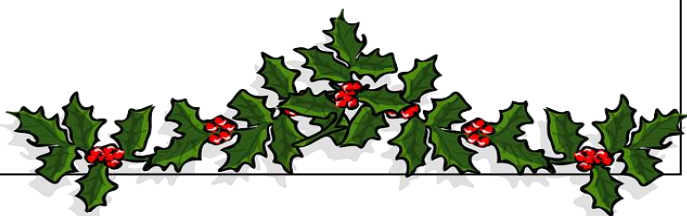
### **Message from the Chair of Governors (Mr M Fleming)**

*I am very proud to be the Chair of the Governing Body here at St Columba's Primary School and feel privileged to be associated with such a dedicated staff as that of St Columba's. I work with The Governors to support the school in its constant drive to improve standards and ensuring the Governing Body fulfils its role to the best of its ability. St Columba's is a friendly school, where all the staff and governors are working very hard to ensure that every child is making good progress, as well as supporting them to become confident and well-rounded individuals.*

#### **I would like to introduce St Columba's Governing Body;**

V Churchill, P Clegg, M D'Arcy, M Evans, J Simms, C Gustafson, C Lewis, Father C McCoy, P Murphy, M Russell, J Sampson,  
Clerk to governors - D Askew

**Happy Christmas from  
St Columba's Governing Body  
& Best wishes for 2018**



Governors are dedicated volunteers, who give up their time and expertise for free. Many have had, or still have, children at the school. Some are members of St Columba's Parish Community. All are working to make sure that our school is working hard to fulfil our vision of providing the best possible education for our children and that all pupils have the very best opportunity to learn and grow as individuals.

*The work of the Governing Body is varied and time consuming.*

Governors meet every term to perform the important strategic planning, monitoring and legal duties that are the responsibility of the Governing Body and much more. *Most of the discussions take place during the various committee meetings, so ensuring that the governors work efficiently and make use of the varied talents available.*

Currently these committees meet on a regular basis :

- Inclusion & Safeguarding  
(Chair - Claire Gustafson)
- Standards & Quality  
(Chair Marc D'Arcy)
- Finance, Personnel & Environment  
(Chair - Vinny Churchill)

Some examples of the duties of the Governors include:-

- Supporting improvements in raising standards
- Monitoring progress and attainment
- Ensuring all staff and children are safe
- Approving and monitoring the budget
- Being a critical friend of the school