

**"Living , learning and growing in God` s love "**

## **St John Bosco Catholic Primary School**

# **2017-18 Report**

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### **A message from the Chair of Governors**

2017-18 has been another remarkable year at our school. It has been my privilege to work alongside other governors and staff to watch all of our pupils grow from strength to strength. We are very proud of our achievements and would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Mrs Marie Powell



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### **A message from the Headteacher**

We have had a wonderful year with many highlights and with many people to thank.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the pupils as this school goes from strength to strength because of your hard work and fantastic attitude. I would like to thank all the parents for all your support. I know you are very proud of this school. I would like to say a big thank you to the staff because you ensure, through your hard work, that our pupils receive an excellent school experience. I would like to also thank the governors that give up their time to move the school from strength to strength. Edward Masterson NLE

## Staffing update

THANK  
YOU

Congratulations to Mrs Hill who is now on maternity leave having given birth to a beautiful baby boy, Jasper. Mrs Hill will return to school in June 2019.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Jaime Perry who has been a governor of the school for many years and served the school exceptionally well. Now both of her children have moved onto secondary school, Jaime will be finishing as a governor. We send our thanks to Jaime for everything that she has done for us.



A warm welcome...

WELCOME

We have employed two new teachers, Miss Tariq and Miss Graham, both of whom will begin their teaching careers at St John Bosco in September. Miss Tariq will be teaching Year Five and Miss Graham Year One.

We also welcome back Miss Hadley from maternity leave - she will resume her job as a 1:1 support.

During the academic year, Jess Holder (a Y2 parent) joined the governing body. Mrs Holder works at Stuart Bathurst Secondary School and is excited to become a governor of our school. We look forward to working more closely with her over the coming years.

# Highlights of the year

In June we held our annual Sports Day but this year we took the whole school to Tipton Sports Academy. It was a fantastic day that the children thoroughly enjoyed and was really well attended by parents and families.



Our school choir have had a really enjoyable year. It had been our best attended club and the year culminated in a musical extravaganza in which the rest of the school and parents were invited. We were incredibly impressed with the talent on show.



Each year we take some classes on residential visits which we believe are an integral part of the curriculum that we offer. This Year Y6 attended Pioneer and both Year 5 and Year 6 went to Upton Warren.





We celebrate mass in school on a weekly basis and really appreciate the dedication of Fr Stan who was the Parish Priest at St Michael's but will be moving to Holy Cross in September.

Younger children are kindly supported by older pupils in order that all classes are able to lead made during the course of the year.

We have organised numerous trips to big sporting events in order to inspire our pupils. These include Wasps rugby, Worcester Warriors, West Bromwich Albion, Twickenham and Worcester Wolves basketball.

In the Autumn term our dance club performed on court at half-time in a Worcester Wolves fixture. We took a coach full of 70 people to the event.



We have been working hard to encourage pupils to learn their times tables. We held a maths super hero day where we practiced mental maths skills in various fun ways.

During Lent, in the build up to Easter, we hold assemblies in school to commemorate the events of Holy Week and we also take classes to St Michael's to join in with Stations of the Cross services.



We have competed in numerous sports fixtures, events and competitions over the course of the academic year and had lots of success. Main highlights include reaching the Birmingham County Football Final at the AVFC training ground, Sandwell champions in tag rugby, girls' cricket, girls' football and indoor athletics, and winning the Birmingham schools Tag Rugby competition for both boys and girls.

Due to having a few diabetic pupils in school, we wanted to make all children and adults more aware of diabetes in terms of the effect it has on people, signs to look out for and what to do if a diabetic pupil appears high or low.

Chris Pennell of Worcester Warriors and England who has diabetes himself, came to school to work with the children and help to further educate us.



# Key moments



## Key moment 1

We have introduced a book literacy scheme which will continue into the 2018/19 academic year. Each class studies two books in detail and do lots of activities related to these texts. Although only in its first year, we have seen the impact already in terms of increasing pupil enjoyment of reading (particularly for boys).



## Key moment 2

In order to inspire writing, we have had three big events this year: the visit of the animal man, Kristian Thomas (Olympic gymnast) visit and a lego day. Having enjoyed the days, all pupils then completed a series of writing activities and results showed an improvement in work in terms of language used and levels of effort due to being highly motivated.



## Key moment 3

During the 2017/18 academic year, we have raised over £2500 for charity with events such as non-uniform days, toy donations, penny race, sponsored events, breakfast mornings. We have supported charities including Alzheimer's, Bloodwise, Barnardos, Brushstrokes and Macmillan.



# Pupil progress

## Phonics assessment

We are delighted to announce our Year One phonics results. Congratulations to all Y1 pupils and the staff involved in working with those children.

	National data <a href="#">2017-2018</a> (%)	Our school's data <a href="#">2017-2018</a> (%)
Achieving expected standard in Year 1	83%	100%

## KS1 SATs

Pupils in Y2 are tested in reading, writing and maths. Full results are available on the school website.

	National data <a href="#">2017-2018</a> (%)	Our school's data <a href="#">2017-2018</a> (%)
Achieving expected standard overall	65%	78%
Achieving greater depth	12%	24%

## KS2 SATs

Pupils in Y6 are tested in reading, writing, SPaG and maths. Full results are available on the school website.

	National data <a href="#">2017-2018</a> (%)	Our school's data <a href="#">2017-2018</a> (%)
Achieving expected standard overall	64%	87%
Achieving greater depth	10%	21%

# Attendance

Our aim is for 97% average yearly attendance which we did not quite attain this year but hope to next year. We will also be focusing on reducing lateness and introducing the slogan -

**BE ON TIME FOR TEN TO NINE!**

	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Yearly average
Actual attendance (%)	97.2%	96.4%	97.3%	97%
Unauthorised absences (%)	1.6%	2.1%	1.8%	2.0%

## Looking forward to next year

### What are we aiming to achieve academically next year?

We have two key foci for the 2018/19 year in order to further improve upon what we already do. Through embedding reciprocal reading, introducing outdoor libraries to further promote a love of reading and teaching reading comprehension more frequently in all classes, we hope to increase the number of pupils achieving greater depth and ensure that all pupils can read aloud more confidently and have a deeper understanding of what they have read.

Secondly, by introducing daily times table practice in all classes and improving our super hero testing system, we aim for all pupils to become more confident in recalling their times tables. We will be inviting parents into school to see how well we are doing with this towards the end of the Autumn term.



## What can we expect from next year?



Last year, we held a number of parent workshops and this year we hope to do even more with the aim of involving parents more in their child's learning. Look out for the maths and literacy workshops coming up in the Autumn term.

This year also sees our biennial multi-cultural celebration where all classes will be studying a religion and visiting a place of worship before teaching the rest of the school what they have learnt in a special assembly.

We will continue to offer the children a range of exciting sporting experiences with a number of trips to major events already planned. Our huge number of sports fixtures and competitions will also continue for all age ranges and we hope to beat our outstanding figure of 158 children representing the school last year.

Pupils tell us that KS2 rotation is a highlight of the week for them so this will continue as well as introducing a similar system in KS1 later in the year.

## Term dates for 2018-2019

Term	Start date	End date
Autumn		
Open	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018	26 <sup>th</sup> October
Half term	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018
Open	5 <sup>th</sup> November	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
Christmas holiday	24 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Spring		
Open	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Half term	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019
Open	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Easter holiday	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Summer		
Open	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Half term	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019
Open	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
Summer holiday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019

# A final thank you!



We would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we embark upon another school year.

Following its success, we will be continuing to use the MarvellousMe app to keep you up-to-date with how well your child is doing.

If you have any concerns or questions about anything though then please do not hesitate to pop into school and talk to us.

We look forward to another successful year together.



Our 2018/19 prefects