

ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



GOVERNING BOARD SLOUGH LANE, KINGSBURY, LONDON, NW9 8YD

September 2016

Dear Parents,

September is here again and we begin a new year of learning and enjoyment. Welcome back to our existing parents and a warm welcome to our school, to all our new parents.

We were delighted with the progress, the results and all the achievements our children made last year which was all due to the hard work and effort of our Headteacher and all our staff, the hard work you have put in as parents yourselves and particularly the hard work of all your children. It was wonderful to see the confidence and enthusiasm shown by our Year 6 children at the end of term, which together with their academic results shows they are very well prepared to go forward to the next level of their education.

Summary of results and achievements

EYFS

GLD	2015 National	2016 School Result
End of Reception	66%	71%

Phonics

Year 1	2016 National	2016 School Result
	81%	95%

KS1

Reading, Writing & Mathematics	2016 National Expected Standard +	2016 School Result Expected Standard +
End of Reception	60%	73%

KS2

	2016 National Expected Standard +	2016 School Result Expected Standard +
Reading	66%	73%
Writing (level 4+)	74%	71% (Teacher Assessed)
Maths	70%	90%
SPAG	72%	88%
Reading, Writing & Mathematics	53%	65%

Our boys football team won the league and the girls football team also got through to the finals.

We continue to support as wide a curriculum as possible and every child gets a chance to play an instrument in class music lessons delivered by Brent Music Service; well done to our musicians that supported the leaver's assembly. This year saw the opening of our library which has been put to great use by all the children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the chaplaincy team for their hard work and to congratulate the pupils elected to the new Pupil Parliament. We look forward to working with them this year and wish them a very successful term of office.

Visitors to our school always make very positive comments on the good behaviour, the welcoming, the politeness and courtesy shown by our children. We, as you, are very proud of them.

Thank you very much to the Friends of St Robert Southwell, not just for your time and hard work in raising valuable funds through your events, for also providing opportunities for us all to get together, become more familiar and develop a warmer and closer relationship with the whole school community. This is ever so important for all of us.

It's been another marvellous year so well-done everyone.

I have no doubt that all of you, our parents, want all our children to be the best they can be, to enjoy the learning process and develop and achieve well. This is our ambition for our children and we are looking again for your continued and increased support in achieving this.

Our school cannot succeed in isolation; we need the support of the whole school community working together all in support of our children.

We are seeking to keep and improve on the high standards we have already achieved and we will continue to do it under the ethos of St Robert Southwell:

"Following in Jesus' footsteps and inspired by St Robert Southwell we work hard, aim high and treat everyone with honesty and gentleness"

The new curriculum is tougher and more demanding and we are confident with focus and especially with your help, our children will continue to excel. This year we are particularly looking to:

- Improve the standards and quality of writing across the whole school in all subjects with a focus on spelling.
- Increase pupil understanding of democracy and develop further pupil voice through our newly appointed School Parliament.

- Continue to push further the success and progress of all the different groups of our children especially with a focus on gifted and talented (G&T).

We are fortunate to have massive commitment and enthusiasm from a really dedicated and hardworking body of staff though their efforts on their own are not enough. We can only get our children to excel if we have your continued support of their learning and all the aspects of school life. This year there will again be several parent group meetings in how to help your children in the various areas of their learning and we ask all parents to continue attending these meetings which have had a great attendance last year. It's not easy juggling everything parents have to do and then making regular and dedicated time to motivate and encourage your children in learning but every hour you spend like this will pay enormous dividends in benefitting their learning and development.

If you are not involved in the Friends' Association then we would ask you to seriously consider getting involved. The more parents on the Friends' Association the easier it is to organise events. More hands make less work.

It does not matter how much any individual can do, only that you do what you can manage. It's not easy being a parent with all the demands life brings. You only get this chance to take part in the lives of your children now as things move on quickly, we often say 'don't blink or you will miss it'. Don't be shy, join the Friends' Association because you are an important part of our school community and you will always be very welcome.

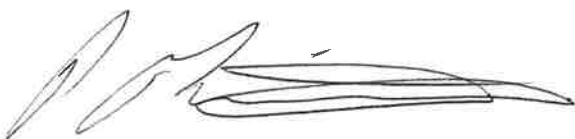
Let this year be one of even greater parent's support in reading with your children and support in encouraging your children to learn and enjoy learning. We will be doing what we can to assist you in giving your children that support and if you have particular concerns or queries about it then contact your child's class teacher at a convenient time.

Please also think about your involvement in Friends or Parents Forum and give what time you can.

We cannot stress enough how dangerous the parking can be outside the school. Please for the safety of all our children, park considerately and legally and as far away from the school entrance as is possible.

Finally, may we wish you and all your children a very successful and a very enjoyable year at St Robert Southwell.

Yours faithfully



Mr Peter Manning
Chair of Governors