



NEWSLETTER

LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A 'Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2018' to everyone! We would like to express our thanks for the generosity and kindness of parents and children in the lovely Christmas cards and presents which were given to staff at the end of last term.

HAPPY SCHOOL BAGS

Please fill your Happy School Bags or any bag you have to hand with unwanted used clothes, shoes, belts, bags, towels, bedlinen, unwanted gifts/toiletries etc.

The bags are being collected from school first thing on Wednesday morning.

The money collected from this initiative goes towards our link school in Malawi.

PARENT CLASS MEETINGS

As published in the newsletter last term, Class Meetings will take place on Monday 15th January for all parents. The meetings will take place from 9-9.30am and repeated for those parents who cannot make the morning session or have children in more than one class from 2.45-3.15pm.

Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions about this term's curriculum. These meetings are not suitable for individual pupils to be discussed.

EPIPHANY

Tomorrow-6th January is the feast of Epiphany. The children celebrated in our Assembly worship today and as part of their French lessons with Madame Denham.

CLASS ASSEMBLY WORSHIP DATES

During the Spring Term we have a tradition that each class leads an Assembly Worship for the whole school to which parents are warmly invited.

We would respectfully remind parents that these assemblies are not 'shows' but celebrations of learning and an Act of Worship.

Whilst younger brothers and sisters are very welcome we do ask that parents take them straight out of the hall if they do cry or make a noise so that the children can be heard and are not distracted.

Assembly Worship begins at 9.15am and lasts for approximately 15 mins.

Ruby Class Assembly Worship will take place just after Easter break.

- Y5 Garnet Class: Wed 24th Jan
- Y1 Emerald Class: Wed 31st Jan
- Y6 Diamond Class: Wed 21st Feb
- Y4 Sapphire Class: Wed 28th Feb
- Y3 Amber Class: Wed 14th Mar
- Y2 Topaz Class: Wed 21st Mar
- YR Ruby Class: Wed 25th Apr

RESILIENCE

Our school value this term is 'Resilience'. Teachers will be looking for pupils who display this quality when awarding Headteacher stickers each week.

SINGING EXAM SUCCESS!

Many congratulations to Esme Gibson and Keeley Williams who both passed their Royal Association Music Singing Examinations at the end of last term-very well done both of you!

PIZZA PARTY

On Thursday 18th January our catering company Contract Dining is serving a 'Pizza Party' at lunchtime. Booking for this lunch is in the normal way with payment via ParentMail.

Margherita Pizza, Meat Feast Pizza, Veggie Pizza, Potato wedges, sweetcorn, coleslaw & salad bar, ice-cream, fruit pots & yoghurt.

TERMS 3 & 4 DATES

Term dates for this year can be found on our school website. This term is known as Term 3. We break up for Half Term on Fri 9th Feb at 3.20pm or after clubs.

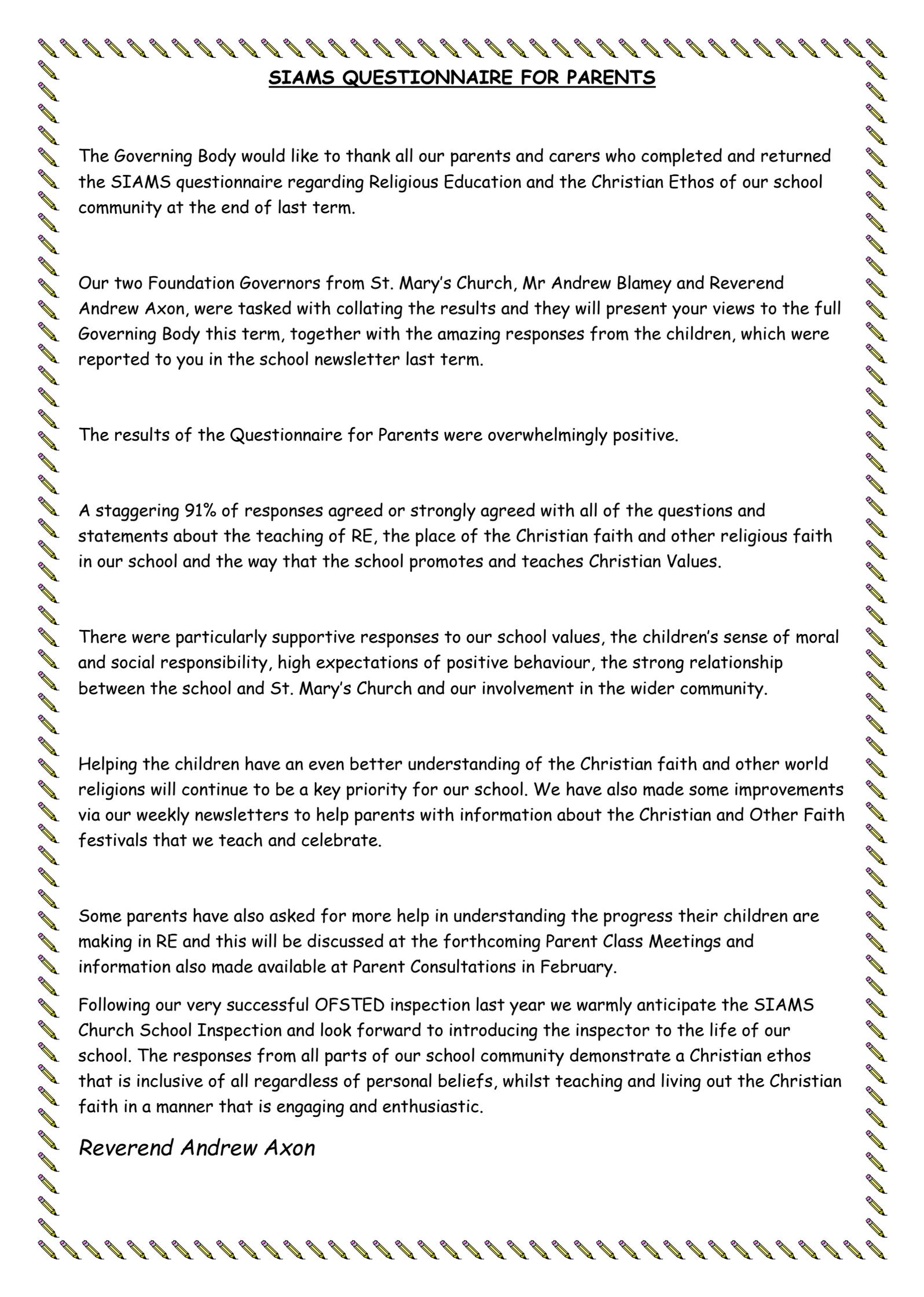
Pupils return to school on Tues 20th Feb with all school clubs running as usual. Music pupils taught by Mrs Pitts on a Monday will have their lessons at another time during that week.

We break up for Easter on Thurs 29th Mar at 3.20pm or after clubs and return to school on Mon 16th Apr.

CONSULTATION DAY

Parent Consultations to discuss your child's progress will take place on Mon 5th, Tues 6th, Wed 7th and Fri 9th Feb.

Appointment lists will be put out at the office hatch on Mon 15th Jan. Telephone requests may be made on the school answer-service after 7pm on Fri 12th Jan. Telephone appointments are registered on a first come basis and will be matched as closely as possible to requests. A sticker will be put into contact books confirming telephone appts.



SIAMS QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS

The Governing Body would like to thank all our parents and carers who completed and returned the SIAMS questionnaire regarding Religious Education and the Christian Ethos of our school community at the end of last term.

Our two Foundation Governors from St. Mary's Church, Mr Andrew Blamey and Reverend Andrew Axon, were tasked with collating the results and they will present your views to the full Governing Body this term, together with the amazing responses from the children, which were reported to you in the school newsletter last term.

The results of the Questionnaire for Parents were overwhelmingly positive.

A staggering 91% of responses agreed or strongly agreed with all of the questions and statements about the teaching of RE, the place of the Christian faith and other religious faith in our school and the way that the school promotes and teaches Christian Values.

There were particularly supportive responses to our school values, the children's sense of moral and social responsibility, high expectations of positive behaviour, the strong relationship between the school and St. Mary's Church and our involvement in the wider community.

Helping the children have an even better understanding of the Christian faith and other world religions will continue to be a key priority for our school. We have also made some improvements via our weekly newsletters to help parents with information about the Christian and Other Faith festivals that we teach and celebrate.

Some parents have also asked for more help in understanding the progress their children are making in RE and this will be discussed at the forthcoming Parent Class Meetings and information also made available at Parent Consultations in February.

Following our very successful OFSTED inspection last year we warmly anticipate the SIAMS Church School Inspection and look forward to introducing the inspector to the life of our school. The responses from all parts of our school community demonstrate a Christian ethos that is inclusive of all regardless of personal beliefs, whilst teaching and living out the Christian faith in a manner that is engaging and enthusiastic.

Reverend Andrew Axon