

Dear Pupils, Parents and Staff,

I write again on behalf of the governing body and it seems like only last week since my last letter in October. Time certainly flies.

We are once again at the end of a very busy, successful academic year. I would like to express our thanks to all the teaching and support staff for all their hard work throughout this year. I would also like to thank all of the children and their parents for their hard work and continuing support.

I would like to wish year 6 the very best at their new schools in September. I understand that the leaving assemblies and leavers Mass were well attended and were very emotional.

Well done to years 2 and 6 who have completed their SATS this year. We expect the results very soon and I will report on the results in the Autumn term.

We have had many events throughout the year which have all been generously supported by you all. Of particular note is the fantastic support you have given to fundraising events this year for which we are very thankful.

I was amazed to learn that a sponsored silence for the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Project raised a staggering £2000!! Well done to all the children who took part- this must have been quite a challenge. This support has helped the project to secure the essentials required by the Government to support a family. This project is also a Parish led project and further strengthens the links between school and the wider parish community. The project expects to welcome a family into the parish later in the year.

The ART exhibition was very well attended and I think that as the event was held in the evening it enabled more parent to attend. All the money raised during the event will be used for art projects within school.

I know that pupils and staff very much enjoyed Shakespeare week. The children all dressed up and some also took part in a performance put on by a visiting theatre group.

You will have seen Mrs McGarry's Newsletters keeping you informed about the religious life in school. I do not intend to repeat everything here but I do want to congratulate Father Ged on his 25th Anniversary. The Church was expertly decorated with artwork prepared by the children – We have some fantastic artists at school and the pictures of Father Ged are uncanny.

I am pleased to see that the new prayer garden is being so well used. The May processions were lovely and thank you parents for sending in so many flowers.

There have been many more fantastic events throughout the year, far too many to mention them all in this letter. Mr O' Brien keeps us all informed on a weekly basis about school life and I know that I find the Friday letter very informative.

We continue to work in a challenging time for education with uncertainty about funding. The Governing body is working hard and we are committed to ensuring as far as we can that the children's education and opportunities for development are not affected. The support that the school has received from families this year has been very much appreciated.

Dolce has been in operation now for a school year and I hope that you have found the system easy to use.

I could go on but I think it is best to sign off now. I hope you all enjoy the summer break. Goodbye and good luck to Year 6. Thank you to all the staff, parents and pupils for a great year and thank you parents for your continued support of the school.

I will update you again in the new school year.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sheila Casey', written in black ink.

Sheila Casey, Chair