

St Andrew & St Francis Primary School

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Dear Reader

We had a further inspection from HMI last month, and we are delighted to say that the inspectors recognised the rapid improvement that the school has made since the last inspection in September.

Inspectors said that **"Standards in the Early Years Foundation Stage have improved. More children are reaching the level of development expected for their age. This is because a significant proportion are beginning to make more rapid progress in literacy and mathematics."** **"Children are also beginning to make more rapid progress in Key Stage 1."** **And at Key Stage 2: "Tracking systems show that in most cases, pupils are on track to make at least average progress in reading, writing and mathematics over two years."**

It is good to report that the view of the inspectors is that: **"The school is making reasonable progress towards the removal of special measures"**. However, we still have much more work to do to ensure that all our pupils achieve their best and that inspectors judge that the school is good. The report will be published on the school website in the next few days.

John Galligan
Chair of IEB

Important News

Academy Consultation - We recently sent every parent or carer letters regarding the consultation process for the IEB's proposal that the school becomes an academy sponsored by the London Diocesan Board for Schools Academies Trust (LDBSAT). The first parent drop-in meeting was held last month and an open evening is to be held in school on Wednesday 11th February at 6.00pm. Do come along, as this is your opportunity to meet the IEB and members of the LDBSAT to find out more about the proposal, and to present your views. The consultation process closes on Monday 23rd February. You can find out more about the Trust's schools by visiting their website at: ldbact.org

There will be an opportunity for staff to meet with the IEB and representatives of the LDBSAT on Wednesday 11th February at 4.00pm to discuss the proposal.

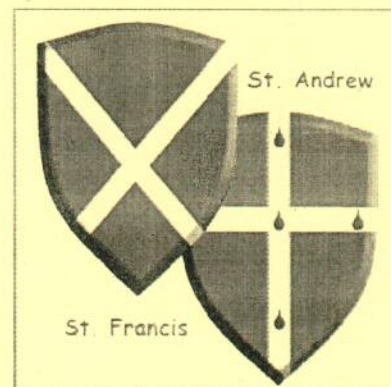
Please take this opportunity to find out about the proposal for your school, and to take part in the consultation. Response forms can be found on the front of the school website.

School Dinners and Clubs - Thank you to all parents who have embraced the difficult issue of paying for school dinners. The amount of debt to the school has been dramatically reduced and this will enable these funds to be released for other school purposes. The same situation applies to After School Clubs. Sadly we cannot permit children to take part in these clubs unless payment has been received in advance. We appreciate your cooperation, thank you.



The school disco was held at the end of last term and a great time was had by all who attended.

A special thank you to Ms K Ramsammy for providing the music and equipment, and to all staff that helped make the disco a night to remember for the children.



Dates to remember

February 16th to 20th

Half term

March 5th

Year 2 visit to St Paul's Cathedral

March 9th

Year 6 visit to hear London Symphony Orchestra

March 9th to March 13th

Book week

Head Teacher. You will be pleased to know that we have started to recruit for a substantive Headteacher. An advertisement was placed in January and the recruitment process is now under way. Good heads are hard to find, but we are determined to find the best person for the job at our school.

Get in touch IEB members are always happy to meet parents. Arrangements can be made for an extended meeting if required or just a quick chat.

Appointments can be made directly with an IEB member or the Headteacher through the school office or by email to governor@sasf.brent.sch.uk

Text Messaging. The school is implementing a new dynamic texting service for all parents. Please make sure that your contact details are up to date and that the school is able to get in touch, should there be any changes to the school day that may affect your child.