



## **Star of the Sea Primary School**

### **Board of Management Annual Report 2015 – 2016**

Star of the Sea PS currently has a pupil enrolment of 396. Staffing consists of 15 mainstream class teachers, 6 learning support posts, 1 EAL post, 3 SNAs, a secretary and a caretaker. The current Board of Management began its term of office on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and will run until November 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. The members of the BoM are:

- Mr. Denis O' Byrne, Chairperson
- Mrs. Elizabeth O' Regan, Patron's Representative
- Mrs. Angelique Cashman, Principal
- Mrs. Claire Lester, Teacher Representative
- Ms. Nora Killen-Lehane, Parents' Representative
- Mr. Ian Malone, Parents' Representative
- Mr. Anthony Reidy, Community Representative
- Mr. Michael O' Mahony, Community Representative

The BoM held meetings each month. The BoM has met its obligations in respect of Child Protection and Anti-Bullying procedures as laid down in Circular 0065/2011 Appendix 2 and Circular 0045/2013.

The following school procedures and policies were reviewed and ratified by the BoM during 2015/2016:

- Checklist for Annual Review of the Child Protection Policy.
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Special Education Needs
- Enrolment Policy
- Guidelines in Physical Intervention and Restrictive Practices.

The BoM also supported the following initiatives undertaken by the school during 2015/2016:

Open Evening \* 1916 Commemorations – Presentation of the National Flag and Proclamation Day \* Cór Fhéile \* Port of Cork Competition \* Sporting Activities \* Sacramental Celebrations \* Staff CPD courses \* Educational Initiatives – Discover Primary

Science and Maths STEM of Excellence and Reading Recovery \* Health Promotion Activities  
\* School Concerts \* Sun Hats Initiative \* Comenius Project.

The BoM supports the continuous initiatives being undertaken as part of the School Self Evaluation (SSE) and School Improvement Plan (SIP) in Literacy and Numeracy and for 2015/2016, Science. This year a comprehensive review was done on the SIP in Literacy with a view to improving strategies for the 'Building Bridges' comprehension programme and 'First Steps in Writing'. In Numeracy the area of problem solving was the main focus. SSE in Science will start with gathering data for information and analysis which will inform our SIP.

The BoM is satisfied that the school has met its obligations for Standardised Testing as per Circular 0056/2011 and Circular 0034/2016. Reporting to parents is undertaken as per Circular 0056/2011

The BoM wishes to thank the Parents' Association for their support and contribution to all aspects of school life. The BoM acknowledges their great efforts in fundraising for school activities and in supporting the school in its many activities – Open Night, Proclamation Day, Religious Ceremonies, School Concerts, Playball and Gymnastics among others.

The BoM would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of staff, the interest and co-operation of parents and guardians and the enthusiastic co-operation of pupils who all work together to make Star of the Sea PS a welcoming, orderly, safe centre of learning.

Signed: Denis O'Byrne Date: 30/05/2016

Chairperson, Board of Management