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END OF YEAR LETTER FROM GOVERNORS

Dear Staff, Volunteers, Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governing Body to express sincere thanks to Mrs. Burns-Smith and Mrs. Williams and the school staff, both teaching and support staff, for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. They have worked hard to plan and deliver the teaching in the classrooms and the range of after school activities, residentials and trips that many children have enjoyed.

We have contract staff delivering sport, forest school and other activities and regular volunteers that come in each week helping across the whole school. I also want to thank all of them. You are all important to us.

Yet again, everyone has worked together to provide the best for all the children.

Following Ofsted returning a verdict that the school remains "Good" in 2023 we have also had a peer review by Mitre (Minster Trust for Education - the academy we will join) in spring this year which highlighted the strength of education which extends beyond the curriculum to offer wider experiences and enrichment; and the sense of family, compassion and care for all pupils and staff beyond the school gate.

Which brings me to you, parents and carers. Thank you for your support in promoting school standards and expectations and your support for the school and the staff throughout the year. It really helps to read with your child at home, help with their spelling and encourage them every step of the way as they learn and develop through primary school years. Thank you to all who do this regularly.

Many of you will have helped your children learn their lines or their songs for the school play "The Greatest Show" I really enjoyed watching the performance, seeing all the children enjoying themselves and entertaining us so well for the evening. We have some great performers, and they all did a fantastic job. Well done all of you!

I must thank the PTA for all their events and fundraising activities this year. They have had lots of changes with many new people involved in planning and organising the Christmas Fair, School Fair

and supporting a range of other school events and running silent raffles. They did a fantastic job and worked hard to support the school. Thank you.

The Governing Body has had some changes this year too. Dave Thompson stepped down from the governing body in September (thank you very much Dave for all the years of support you gave to the school on the Governing Body) and at the next meeting I took on the role of Chair with Keeley Coleman and Chris Costall agreeing to jointly take on the role of Vice-Chair. We have also appointed new co-opted governors Laura Glover and Kim Talbot to join us during the year and staff governor Mrs. Grindrod. The changes will not end here as we have 3 governors coming to the end of their term of office, one of which Greg Marshall has decided to step down (thank you Greg also for your support). We will be holding elections for parent governors in the autumn term and asking you to elect those you feel are most suitable.

The governors meet termly to review the school's work and visit school to check on core subject delivery and key areas (such as safeguarding or IT) regularly. Our observations from these visits have been positive and help take forward improvement. Thank you to the governors for all their commitment.

One of the topics we discussed in our recent Governor meeting was the school vision. Although it has been regularly reviewed by the Governing Body, we feel now is a suitable time to update the vision. We will be seeking your views as parents and carers through a brief survey in the autumn term. I hope you will find time to share your thoughts.

I wish you all a good holiday over the summer.

Regards

Helen Rushby
Chair of Governors