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Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are at the end of another school year, and what a year! It proved to be no less turbulent than the previous two, has ended with the hottest days ever, and an unexpected school inspection by Ofsted.

I have written to you each term to keep you abreast of what governors have been doing for the benefit of your children. What a privilege it has been to be your chair of governors for this year, and to be re-elected as chair for the coming year. I take my hat off, and I'm sure you do too, to the way the headteacher, the staff, your children and, of course, you have dealt with everything the year has thrown up. I was extremely proud to attend the leavers' assembly on Wednesday morning to present two of the awards, including the governors' award, and to hear just how hard the children have all worked, and how well they have achieved. Governors are rightly proud of the school's achievements and I know all of you are too, not to mention the headteacher and staff, and the children themselves.

It has been a very busy year. As governors, we undertook a full review of how we operate and how we fulfil our statutory obligations, namely: Setting Strategic Direction; Creating Robust Accountability; Ensuring Financial Probity. The result was a five-year action plan, the first year of which will be reviewed at a special review meeting in September. The launch of the vision, to which governors fully subscribe, was a memorable event. Everyone worked together to achieve it, and it was taken on board immediately. It is evident in everything the school does and it contributes in great measure to the solid foundations the school provides for your children through its well-publicised values.

Governors met three times in the year as a full governing body. The two committees (Finance and Resources, and Standards, Effectiveness and Curriculum) met once each term to check on different aspects of the school's work and report to the full governing body. Other committees, such as that for headteacher appraisal, and working groups to monitor different aspects of the school's work, met as and when necessary to help the full governing body in its decision making.

I know you appreciate everything the school does for your children and, as the year ends, I know you will be saying thank you to everyone. Have a lovely summer break and I will be in touch again around Christmas to let you know what governors have been doing in the autumn term.

Kind regards

Doris Bell
Chair of Governors