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RE: A letter from the Local Governing Body

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

We are coming to the end of our first year with a full cohort of classes from Reception through to Year 6 and by all measures it has been a terrific success. A lot of time has been invested in the change from first school to primary school and all the hard work has certainly paid off.

It was great to see the children return to school in September, but unfortunately January saw the return of lockdown again and this time around it seemed so much harder for the children, parents, carers and staff alike. We would like to say a very big thank you to all parents and carers for persevering, supporting and guiding the children while everyone adjusted to the unfamiliar demands of remote learning. At school, it has again felt rather unusual with masks, bubbles and lots of “happy birthday handwashing”. Both the resilience shown by the children and the strength of resolve shown by the staff to make every aspect of school life as normal as possible has been truly commendable.

It has required a huge effort by all staff to provide remote teaching throughout this difficult period. Their commitment to providing the children with varied and engaging content, as well as extra help for those needing additional support, has again shown how fortunate we are to have such a dedicated staff. In times of adversity, strong leadership is crucial. As governors, we feel incredibly fortunate to have had Mr Duggan at the helm. He has stayed on top of the ever-changing Covid-19 guidance, supported the teaching staff and continued to seek ways to improve and evolve our curriculum. The pandemic has also placed additional demands on the support staff, caretakers, cleaners and lunchtime supervisors. We would like to thank them too for going the extra mile and making sure the school has continued to operate smoothly throughout the year. With Nicki Ireson taking on the Road Crossing Patrol role, we have now filled a gap that was a key priority for us this year, and we are very grateful to her for providing a safe route to the school for our pupils and carers alike.

This summer we say farewell and thank you to Mrs Casati and we wish her well for the future having said goodbye to Emma Wheate-Price earlier in the year. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Ellis as our new teacher and Ms Besent as a Teaching Assistant in Wrens in September.

The Local Governing Body continues to work hard to ensure we maintain an outstanding school for all of our pupils. This year we have refreshed our strategic vision as well as ensured that the well-being of our excellent staff is top of the agenda. All governors take part in regular training to help us keep ahead of the game and guard against becoming complacent. We have said goodbye and thank you to the Rev Bruce Reinstra who stepped down from the Board of Governors in the autumn.



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You will have noticed some wonderful improvements both inside and outside of our school, to brighten up spaces and create more vibrant backdrop to the children's activities. We'd like to say a particular thank you to Tim Ross for helping with a much-needed refurbishment of the flooring in the library and hall, Byngs Joinery for their assistance with cupboards, glazing and outdoor areas, Gareth Cornwall for printing the reception induction booklets and Dave Greatbatch for all his support with resigning the entrance hall and library.

All support that we receive from parents, relatives and local businesses with repairs and renovations allows us to focus more investment into the children. We have plans for further investment in the premises in the coming twelve months and we will also share a list of additional projects that we would like to undertake within the school and would welcome any support that you can offer.

Once again, despite having to think 'virtually', FOIP have held several successful events to raise extra funds for the school. This year the children have had access to new laptops and other IT equipment that has been paid for by this fundraising. We are very grateful for the time and effort that the FOIP team invest, and to all parents for providing their ongoing support.

The staff have told us that the children have enjoyed and benefited from the various curriculum enhancements and enrichments that have been arranged this year despite the restrictions including trips to Millennium Green, Bell Boating, Go Ape as well as visits from Angie's Animals and an Expert on Roman life along with Forest School, Olympic Week and lunchtime sports activities. We were delighted that our School Sports Day was able to take place this summer. It was lovely to have a semblance of normality and was particularly special to be able to finally invite the Wrens parents to their first event at the school. We wish you all a relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Best Wishes,

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