

Dear parents / carers,

As we reach the end of the school year it is important to reflect on what we have achieved. It has been an extremely busy year for everyone and especially for Mrs Latham in her new role as Headteacher. Having had a fresh pair of eyes looking at every aspect of school life has been beneficial for us all. Mrs Latham shows great attention to detail and everything she aims to achieve is always for the benefit of the children. We could not have hoped for anyone better to lead our school.

The work of the Governing Body continues with governors spending many hours in school. We have each taken on a link governor role for each subject taught. This enables us to work closely with the teachers to improve our understanding of each subject. This provides a greater knowledge and insight which enables us to govern more effectively, strategically guide the school and provide the necessary support for Mrs Latham and the teaching staff. The new Ofsted Framework focusses heavily on the breadth of the curriculum and a great deal of work is being carried out to ensure we provide the very best possible.

Funding and making the budget stretch as far as possible is an ongoing concern, despite the diligent work of Jane Handy, our Business Manager, whose job just gets harder year on year. I know some of you have volunteered to help with some school redecoration over the summer and have made contributions to the cost of the materials. This is very much appreciated and sadly now a necessity as funding just does not stretch to cover this. There are many resources the school would not have without the fantastic help of the BSA. We are so fortunate to have such amazing parents who spend many hours organising fundraising events for the benefit of the children. The Gin Tasting Evening was a particular highlight which raised a phenomenal amount of money. Let's hope this means it will be repeated next year! Thank you. The governors are very grateful to you all, your hard work does not go unnoticed. Thank you also to those who have contributed financially.

Oliver Phillips has sadly left the Governing Body after almost 5 years as a governor. Huge thanks go to Oliver for his services to governance and, in fact, to all the governors for their hard work, dedication and commitment throughout the year.

We will welcome Peter Watts and George Moore as parent governors in September. I am confident that the Governing Body is going from strength to strength and we have a very skilled team to lead the school going forward.

Thank you to those who completed our recent Parent Survey. We were pleased to receive positive feedback on the changes and improvements made in school. We are very aware that there have been a number of changes and we are grateful for your support and cooperation. We value your opinion greatly and your feedback has been discussed and will be acted upon over the coming months.

We will be holding an Information Evening on **Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September at 7pm**. This will include information about the new school year, a presentation on the direction of the school, a summary of the new Ofsted Framework and feedback from the Parent Survey. I would urge you to make a note of this date and attend if at all possible. It is really important to us to ensure you are kept fully up to date with school life.

We are always sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 children and their families and we wish them every success for the next stage of their learning journey. It is clear to see how they have all grown in confidence and ability. They all took on their Year 6 responsibilities with a mature and sensible attitude. They have worked very hard this year and I am sure they are all ready

for the summer break.

We have a fantastic team of teachers and staff at Bourn. Thank you to them all for working so hard to provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for the children and for always welcoming the governors into school, which has been quite often this year! It has been a year of change but absolutely everyone has accepted it, been part of it and excelled in their individual contributions to school life.

A word of thanks must go to Debs in the office. She has joined the team with a can-do attitude and always has a welcoming smile despite the many demands that are made on her every day.

And finally, thank you again to you, the parents, for your continued support and commitment to our school and I look forward to seeing you all, and some new faces, in September.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards,

Sharon Peer.  
Chair of Governors