



Dear Parents and Carers,

And so here we are at the end of yet another school- how quickly the time passes. The ending of any year provides an opportunity to pause, reflect, celebrate, consider and then to plan ahead. It is no different for our school community here at St Francis School.

Thinking over the year, we can reflect on the numerous academic, social and community successes that have been achieved, including the many things our children have learnt, the range of opportunities offered to the pupils by staff as well as our dedicated PTA, and finally the outcome of a very successful OFSTED inspection. All these achievements clearly reflection the hard work of all our Staff, parents and the pupils.

So on behalf of the Governing Body I would like to take this opportunity to say **“Thank You”** to a number of people: firstly to Mrs Brown and all the Staff at St Francis for their determination and commitment given once again over this academic year. The governors would especially like to mention Mrs. Orridge and Mrs. Byrne who led the school so well at the beginning of the Lent Term.

Then there is Mrs Atterbury, our PTA Chair, and all the PTA Committee who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes. The PTA are an integral part of our school community. They have raised nearly £5000 this year- much needed funds for the school - as well as organising great community events, which provides fun activities for the pupils as well as opportunities for us all to come together.

We also need to thank our Office Staff, the Premises Officer and his team, as well as the Kitchen staff and Lunch-time supervisors. Every single person who works at the school is vital to its success. So thank you all for your efforts.

As you can see, there are so many things and people we can be thankful for!

Having said that, as Governors, we are aware of the need to keep up the good work, to search out areas for improvement and help to take the school and its community forward.

The Local Governor Body at St Francis School are extremely proud to serve on the school and our community and believe an important part of our role is to share with you, as best as we can, what we are doing within the school. That is why a summary of all the monitoring we have completed this year can be found on the Governor Page of the school’s website.



At the end of this summer term we have to say **goodbye and good luck** to so many people who are sadly leaving us at the end of this term, so I hope you will forgive the long list, but each and every one has played such an important role in the success of our school and it is right to acknowledge them here.

Firstly, the governors would like to say thank you to Mr. Holland who has been working in EYFS this year and to wish him well for the future.

Secondly, we would like to give our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Orridge, who has worked as Assistant Head and our Year 6 teacher. Mrs. Orridge has worked tirelessly for the school and will be greatly missed. We thank her for all her energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the school and our pupils over the years and wish her well as she leaves to take up a Headship.

Next, we must say goodbye to Mrs. Newton, who has worked as an LSA at the school for 27 years! She has always been a warm, smiling presence around the school and we thank her for all her work and care. We wish her a very happy retirement.

We also have to say a fond farewell to all our Year 6 pupils. We hope that you have all enjoyed your time at St. Francis and that you will remember all the life skills and values you have been taught over that time. We wish every one of you all the best in the next stage of your educational journey and, remember, you will always be part of the St. Francis family. And to those Parents and Carers, who will be leaving us for the last time this week, thank you for all the support that you have given to the school during your time with us; it has been very much appreciated.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank personally the members of the Local Governing Body for all the support and commitment that they have given to the school during this academic year. We are a small, but dedicated band of people and I thank them for their time and efforts.

As St Francis prepares for the summer holidays, we give thanks that God has brought our school community safely through another year. I pray the sun shines on us during our summer break and that we can all return again in September well rested and ready for another year.

With all good wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Webb". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the Chair of Governors.

Chair of Governors