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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this year's Governors' Report to parents and carers. This report gives you an insight into how the school is doing and how the Governing Body have performed the role of strategic oversight in the last year.

Our school Governors are:

Frank Paines



Caroline Watkins



Daniel Pope



John Churchill



Dawn Arnold



Oliver Whittaker



Nic Stevenson



Emily Harvey



Tania Harland



Clare Fox



It's certainly been a strange year but all the school staff, teachers, teaching assistants and the leadership team of Mrs Shale, Mrs Butler and Mr Pope have pulled out all the stops to make the year as enjoyable and fruitful as possible for our children, despite the challenges. So many of you have contacted the school with phone calls, emails and letters of thanks, which were read by the governors and made us all so proud of everyone playing their part in what's been a difficult year. Thank you all for your support to the school.

Back in September, governors agreed to continue the school's focus on enhancing the school curriculum, furthering professional development opportunities for staff and improving outcomes for all children, but in particular for boys – this has been a continuation of 2019/20's plan.

1. School curriculum - enabling the school to be outstanding in all areas as per the 2019 Ofsted framework.

Despite a challenging environment, it has still been possible for the curriculum to be enhanced by incorporating more opportunities for our children, through the Cultural Hub, Soundstorm, the Learning Garden & Open the Book Christian teaching. These experiences are benefitting the children's richness of learning and outcomes in terms of knowledge and understanding.

2. Professional development – a whole-staff commitment to personal professional development.

We've been able to facilitate a number of training and development opportunities for school staff at different levels – congratulations go to those staff who've achieved qualifications this year and to those who've used their new learnings to improve their everyday work. All this means our children have the best possible support as they learn.

3. Boys' achievement - improving outcomes in writing, addressing any gaps due to school closures and the national picture in comparison to girls.

A disrupted year hasn't stopped progress in this space. A focus on independent writing tasks, handwriting, spelling and punctuation has continued. Read Write Inc lessons are resulting in progress being made in reading and children are enjoying writing as part of their projects.

Governors have been playing a vital role in oversight of these objectives and ensuring we're putting limited funding to best use. If this sounds like something you can support the school with, please get in touch. We have a number of governor vacancies, which we'll be recruiting for next term, so we'd love to hear from you – please contact Clare Fox, Clerk to the Governors, at governors@mudfordinf.dorset.sch.uk to find out more.

As the school year comes to a close, we say farewell to three of our governors who've made an outstanding contribution – Mr Dear (Staff Governor), who will still be teaching Year 2 Badgers next year; Fiona Sawdon (Parent Governor); and Emma Bollard (LA Governor). In June we also said goodbye to Mrs Wood (Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor) after 12 years with the school and we wish her well in her next endeavours. In September, we welcome Mrs Blackburn, Teaching Assistant, who joins the Reception Unit.

Finally, we wish a fond farewell to our Year 2 children as they move on to the next phase of their education at Juniors – good luck to each and every one of you.

We hope all our parents, carers, children and school staff have a lovely and well-deserved break this Summer. All being well, we look forward to welcoming children back for their new academic year on Monday 6th September (Weds 8th September for Reception).

Yours sincerely



Caroline Watkins,
Vice-Chair of Governors
For and on behalf of the Governing Body of Mudford Community Infants School

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