

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the school holidays we would just like to bring you up to date with some of our news from the school's governing body.

The flood and following clean-up have occupied all our thoughts for the last half-term, huge credit must go to Ms McGrath who organised all the repair work and made arrangements with the other schools for our children to be educated off site. After considerable lobbying the council agreed to pay all the costs associated with flood, this was a great relief to us all and we are very grateful for the support from our local Councillors and MP. It was wonderful how our parents, families and other schools rallied round to help us.

This leads me to our school funding, whilst this remains a concern for all schools, we are in a relatively good financial position and are within budget this year. Over many years we have managed our money very carefully and are still managing to improve the school e.g. the playground improvements and new canopies. Although we can't afford to buy everything we would like to, for the foreseeable future we are stable.

Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaires handed out at parent's evenings – these are important to us and are discussed in detail at the Governing Body meeting. We are grateful for the feedback and it is used to shape our school improvement priorities.

We are also delighted with the new school SZ schoolzine App (available free from the Play store or App store) – so far this has been downloaded over 200 times and parents have been saying how useful they find it. The school has set up an email system for parents who are unable use the app.

We are proud to be a UN Rights Respecting School. The UN Rights of the Child charter shapes all the school's policies and processes. We have already been credited with a Bronze award and hope to achieve the Silver award this term.

The governing body is entirely made up of volunteers and we rely on these to help run the school. We are currently advertising for parent governors and would encourage you to think about applying. This is your chance to help shape the future direction of our school.

Finally, I would like to say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children and wish them every success in their new schools. We are looking forward to meeting our new reception children and parents in September.

Have a good break and we'll see you in the Autumn term.

Kind Regards,

Marion Atkin.

Chair, Woodthorpe Governors.