



Governing Body

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Summer Letter from the Chair

As I write this end of Summer Term Governors newsletter I am both thrilled and delighted to confirm that the recent Ofsted inspection of the School has judged that we are 'OUTSTANDING'.

Please take a moment to read the report – there are so many encouraging comments that to start to repeat any of them here would make this letter far too long!

Needless to say that this is a fantastic achievement. It is also one the entire School can be thoroughly proud of. The School has been steadily working towards this outcome since our last Ofsted inspection in 2010. The result in obtaining 'Outstanding' also bucks the current National Trend.

The Children were exemplary during the inspection both in their behaviour and conduct - and are a tribute to both you and the School. This was by no means an easy feat as the inspection dates covered one of the hottest days on record. Well Done!

On behalf of the Governing Body I would also like to thank YOU for your constructive engagement with the inspection team - together with your continued support of the School over the past years. Without your help and contribution the School would be much the poorer - so thank you!

We congratulate the Head and all the Staff (both teaching and Administration) for the superlative efforts they have made (not least in preparing the School for the short notice inspection). Their dedication and professionalism clearly shone through and is a credit to the School! I am sure you will join me in thanking them – the Children are so fortunate to have such a strong 'Team' working for them. Well done!

Finally I would also like to thank my fellow Governors - both past and present - who collectively have been responsible – along with the Head - for the strategic direction of the School. This judgement has long been an 'aspirational' objective and we are so pleased that it has now been officially recognised.

We are so proud of the Schools achievement and warmly congratulate all those who have played their part – not least our remarkable - and fabulous children. We simply could not ask for a better Ofsted judgement.



Sadly, before the School prepares to continue its upward journey in to the next academic year (with a spring in our step!), we do have to say a few 'Goodbyes'.

Firstly to Miss Cappella who has been with us for the last six years; Mrs Hannon who has been with us four years; Miss Ticehurst for five years and Miss Usher for the last year. I am sure you will join the Governing Body as we thank each one of these Staff members for their positive and constructive contribution to the School during their stay with us. We will miss them and wish them well in their future roles and activities.

However we also say 'Welcome' to the new staff members who will be fully in post by the beginning of the autumn term. To Hayley Stuart (NQT) for Y1/2 class - Caroline James for Y3/4 class - Julia Francis (NQT) for Y3/4 class - Dee Taylor for part time cover in Reception - Mark Hurst (TA) for Y3/4 – Paige Manvell (TA) for Y5/6. I am sure you will join me in making them feel welcome as they settle in to the School.

The Summer Fete was a fantastic success and FUBS did a wonderful job organising this which was enjoyed and appreciated by the whole community of Upper Beeding. We thank Ed Edwards and his team for all their hard work in organising and running the FUBS activities over the past year - not least that the Fete raised the largest amount ever - around £5,000. Most of this will enable the long needed playground improvements to take place. Well Done!

Over the summer holiday period there are some further improvements planned to heating and other parts of the School building. If you have visited the school over the past year you will see that it is looking really good – thanks in no small part to Dave Meacher the Premises Manager who we thank.

The governing body would also like to thank the Office Staff - Christine, Vanessa and Rosie for all their hard work over the past year keeping administration of the school in top order!

As you will be aware from my previous letters our priority on our School Improvement Plan since 2011 has been to sustain results above the national average. We have just received the KS1 and KS2 Results Data for 2015 and I am pleased to report that early analysis of these results is promising and we are hopeful that our trend will continue. More of that next Term!

EGPS results are also very promising indicating that the measures put in place by the School have addressed this area with results above national expectations.

The School is now working at full capacity with over 320 Pupils and many of the year groups are now full.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy - well earned - and relaxing summer break as we look forward to the return to school refreshed and ready for the next Academic Year - when we will continue to build on the success of this past year.

Best wishes

M A Gordon
Chair

