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Dear Parent / Carer,

Summer Term Letter from the Chair of Governors

The big news this term is, of course, Mr Stuart Wright joining us as our new Headteacher. Mr Wright comes to us with an impressive record of achievements and successful team leadership. We both warmly welcome him and expect great things.

As Mr Wright arrives, Mrs Williams resumes her substantive post of Deputy Headteacher and Miss Monins to SENCO. The whole school has flourished these last two terms while Mrs Williams and Miss Monins more than ably 'held the fort' ready for hand-over. Both were separately presented with lovely flowers by staff and governors as tokens of our very genuine thanks.

At the time of writing, we have just been hit with a disappointingly large increase in school meals pricing but no extra funding to meet the rise. Of course, costs of foods and utilities to caterers are rising just as they are to you and me so we will have to look again at the budget.

Year 6 SATS are fast approaching – I like to invigilate a session or two. A lot can be learned of how well the children have been prepared just by seeing how they concentrate, turn the pages, reach the end of the questions and revise their answers.

I and my governor colleagues would like to thank our volunteers who freely give their time to help children with one-to-one sessions. These sessions can be about virtually any subject, not just the usual reading or maths but art, IT, PE etc. If you would like to know more and perhaps become a volunteer, just contact the school office.

As I like to do, I dropped by a recent Parent/Teacher session where I took the opportunity to speak with parents. These conversations are wide ranging – anything can come up and I really value them. I always wear my orange lanyard to identify me as a governor, so please do feel free to say hello if you see me.

So, as we say 'bon voyage' to Year 6 in July, another Reception class will soon be starting in September. Gratifyingly, Whitby Heath's excellent local reputation means, again, we have a full cohort. Always an inspiration when welcoming our fresh, eager learners.

Please have a wonderful summer break come end July.
Until next time,

Nick Lacey

Chair of Governors



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