# FOSSE WAY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer edition of the School Governor Newsletter.

Firstly, we would wish to recognise the significant changes across the school over the last few months. The staff and the pupils have all felt the absence of Mr Cowling who has taken leave due to illness, we continue to send our well wishes and hope for a fully recovery. It is recognised that all the staff have worked hard to ensure there remains stability, positive leadership and normality for the children during this period.

It has been a very busy year for all; since our last update there have been very successful sports days, class trips, mini marathons, not to mention SATs, phonics screening, performances, transition days and all of this culminated in a fantastic (if a little hot!) Celebration Evening!

As we reach the end of this academic year, we are in a brilliant position to continue to build on the amazing foundations that have been established through such hard work this year and progress even further next year.

## Governor Meetings: What have we been talking about?

The children's experience: As a direct result of parental feedback and review of playtimes by staff, there has been the implementation of two new Smooga Pitches alongside significant work being undertaken on active playtimes. We hope the children will really feel the benefit of this and look forward to hearing feedback about playtime experiences with these positive changes.

School Opportunities: The school are embracing the potential opportunity to develop a SEND Hub, building on the already existing strong offer that the school provides for children with SEND needs. There was a consultation recently sent out in regard to the development of this project and now work continues with Lincolnshire County Council on next steps. We would wish to assure all parents that whilst significant time and commitment is required to even consider such a big change to our Fosse Way offer, that we are committed to maintaining our high standard of individualised care for each and every one of our pupils.

Ofsted: Whilst it doesn't feel too long ago that Ofsted reviewed our school, we are aware that they usually plan visits around every 4 years. Whilst obviously a lot of work goes into the preparation for these visits, we also continue with 'business as usual' recognising that the quality of teaching, pupil engagement and support of Fosse Way pupils is held and maintained to high expectations at all times.

## Governing Board Updates:

The governors have had the opportunity to attend some fantastic events with the children over the course of the year including school plays, sporting events and the celebration evening. We continue to be amazed by how the children involve themselves in these activities and represent the school. A huge thank you to all the staff in the organisation of these events.

We would also wish to recognise that our current Chair of Governors, Catherine Caldwell, will be stepping down from her Governor's role come the new academic year. Catherine has been a Governor at Fosse Way Academy for 8 years and has held the position of Chair for the last 3 years, dedicating significant time, commitment and expertise to the role. She has really championed and supported the school throughout her time, so on behalf of everyone we would like to extend our thanks.

## Thank You!

Thank you to all the staff for your commitment and dedication, particularly this year with all the challenges and changes – have a well earned break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

To the children – thank you for always giving school your all, for your enthusiasm to your learning and the kindness you show each other and your staff – have a fun summer!!!

To the parents and carers – thank you for your support of the school and of the Governors.

And on a final note, a huge good luck and goodbye to our Year 6's. In the words of the great Dr Seuss "You're off to great places!  Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So….Get on your way!"  CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!

We wish you all a happy and relaxing summer period,

The Governing Body of Fosse Way Academy.