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Dear Parents, Carers, and Guardians,

I write to you at the end of a school year in which we were happy to see the gradual return to some sort of normality. Whilst still facing challenges as a result of the pandemic the summer term especially has been full of many events, trips and extra-curricular activities. Governors have enjoyed a return to holding meetings in school and being able to participate in school events. Being part of the school community is very important to us and it is lovely to see everyone coming together again.

I would like to say a big thank-you to our fabulous PTA for all the work they do. Their fundraising makes a real difference to the school and the experiences of our pupils.

I would like to give you an update on the Governing Board. Our long-term Foundation Governor, Mr Paul Byron left the Board in November 2021. Paul served as a Foundation Governor for 12 years (the maximum allowed in a Plymouth CAST school) and as Chair of Governors for many years, for which we are immensely thankful. We were very pleased that the Bishop appointed a new Foundation Governor during lockdown, Mrs Kate Sillars joined the Board at the end of 2020. In March this year two further Foundation Governors, Mr Ian Fraser-Roe and Mr Bill Morrell were appointed. This means the Governing Board now has nine members, six Foundation Governors, two Parent Governors and a Community Governor. From September 2022 we will change our name from Local Governing Board to Local CAST Board. Our name may be changed but we will continue our work to support our school community and carry out the tasks delegated to us by Plymouth CAST.

Many of our Governors work with the children in school leading and helping with different activities. This is something we very much enjoy doing and it is lovely to get to know the children and see them learn and grow. We would like to send special good wishes to our Year 6 children who are about to embark on new adventures in their secondary schools. We will miss you! You all achieved so much and should be very proud of yourselves.

On behalf of all Governors, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs Taylor-Bashford, to all the staff and to you as parents, carers and guardians. Together you are ensuring that the children learn, achieve and flourish.

Finally, we would like to wish all our pupils, staff and parents, carers and guardians a restful summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Cook'.

(Lynn Cook, Chair of Governors)

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