



# HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL

'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Even if it doesn't look like it, watching the pouring rain through the window while writing this letter, it will soon be the summer holiday, and for me the end of an era as a school parent, with the youngest of my 4 children moving to Secondary School in September. But it is not the end of my relationship with the school as I am pleased to report that I have just been re-elected for another year as Chair of Governors.

Reflecting on this past academic year, it has been a pleasure to appoint and work with Mrs Kelly Barge, and see our professional relationship growing. As expected, we had to face many challenges that come with any new academic year and undergo many training courses to perform our role to the best of our abilities, but we also found time to discuss many exciting projects, some of them we hope will take light as early as possible in the Autumn term. Something to look forward to over the summer!

All the new members of staff seem perfectly settled within their role and the community by now, and we are glad to see the team welcoming two more members in September. From the governors' side, we have recently appointed Mr James Weston, who most of you would know as a parent and who has already proved to be a fantastic support to the school on many occasions. However, we sadly have to say goodbye to Pauline O'Gorman, who some of you would also know as a volunteer support staff working with children in school; she will be sincerely missed by us all as she has been such a positive asset to the school, in so many fields. We also have to say goodbye to Reverend Kevin in his role of Foundation governor, but fortunately he would still be an active member of the school community and spend time with the children.

I can't mention leavers without wishing all the best to our current year 6 who will soon be going onto their journey to Secondary School. I hope that they will always remember positively their years spent at Horsington Church School and will carry with them the values the school work so hard in promoting and that they will need while moving onto the next steps of their lives.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow governors who generously give their time and work very hard in making sure that each child can access the best education they deserve.

And I'd like to thank you, parents and carers, for creating and nurturing the school's community, with special thanks to the PTFA team who has done an amazing job this year and whose fundraising is vital and makes such a difference in a small school like ours.

I wish you all a lovely, if not sunny, summer, and I look forward in seeing you again and welcoming new families in the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

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