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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I write this yearly update from the Governing Body after witnessing some of the absolute best our school has to offer. In just the last few weeks our children have appeared on stage at the Watermill, competed in a well attended and competitive sports day, shown off their talents in the music and dance evening and witnessed and learnt about our historic village in a packed enrichment week. As governors, we monitor educational standards at our school and ensure they are met. We are proud of the work that the staff do to maintain these high standards. However, it is these additional opportunities that the school do not have to provide that make our school special. The dedication of our staff team in providing the learning experiences outside of the classroom (often in their own time) is one of the aspects of our school, which we are most proud of. We know that all children learn and develop in different ways and the fact that our school recognises this and provides for them makes this school a special place.

The Governing Body this year has been focused on the wider curriculum and marketing to new parents. Enrolling enough children to meet capacity in each year group is an ongoing challenge. The rural nature of the school means that the catchment has a fluctuating number of children eligible for entry each year. This means we have to focus on attracting children from outside of our catchment.

We are trying to achieve this in several ways. One is by improving the school website to ensure information is clearer for prospective new families. We are updating the layouts and photographs to bring them up to date. We are considering the way we promote the school by highlighting all of the activities that happen outside of the classroom which is unique to our school. We have even managed to get a new road sign erected on the junction of Folly Road with Kintbury / Post Office Road to aid new parents in not getting lost in the village!

Marketing is an on-going strategy for the Governing Body and something we will continue to have as a focus. Whilst we are hopeful that we will have a good number of new starters in September 2019 we will be focused on keeping this number high for September 2020.

There really have been so many features of Inkpen Primary this year that have been the best they have ever been. We have attended (and won!) more sports tournaments and fixtures than ever before. Classes have been on visits to a wide number of new educational experiences. The PTA has provided sustenance at every school event and organised a fabulous Summer Fete, which has provided the school with invaluable funding. We are delighted with the, now completed, play equipment which has been holding the weight well of the many climbing children!





As a governing body, we are absolutely committed to supporting our staff and ensuring our children have a broad and rounded education. Our staff team work long hours and show commitment to each child in our school. We would like to thank the parent community in showing consideration and respect to the staff. The staff shares an open dialogue with parents and make themselves available at very short notice. This is a feature of the school we are proud of and would like to ensure that our friendly and welcoming school remains that way.

If you would like to know more about the Governing Body then can I please direct you to the school website where under the 'Staff' tab you can find details of all of the governors as well as minutes from our meetings. Please do contact me if there is ever anything you wish to discuss about the governing body or school matters.

The school would not be the place it is without the support of you, the school community. We are lucky to have such supportive parents who help out in so many ways. I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our school and I wish everyone a fabulous and restful summer holiday!

Yours sincerely  
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