

Dear Parents / carers,

My last letter to you all was written as we were celebrating the season of Advent and the Christmas Season and now we are almost at the end of Lent and getting ready for Easter, time moves so quickly!

Everyone at Bapchild & Tonge has worked very hard this term in all areas of school life. The children have been set challenging targets, and the staff are always trying to improve standards so that every child is given the best opportunity to thrive. We would like to say a huge **Thank You** to Mr Kelly and the whole school team for their continued dedication and support to all the children. The Easter break is an excellent opportunity for everyone to re-charge, reflect on the past terms and to prepare for the busy summer ahead.

We send our thanks once more to the enthusiastic members of FOBS who continue to support the school in so many ways, not only, by arranging wonderful celebratory events like the Mother's Day tea parties, but also by fund raising which in this time of increasing costs and tightening of school budgets is a most welcome source of resources to support the education of all the children in school.

Since Christmas the Governing Body has also been active and has been involved in monitoring the financial management and systems, reviewed staffing levels, reviewed and agreed school policies, monitored performance data and attendance data and most importantly reviewed safeguarding processes and procedures in school.

We make several visits to the school each term and shared an extremely interesting morning at school, when we were able to visit Breakfast Club, join lessons, speak to staff and pupils and share lunch with them. Every time we visit, we share our experiences with other governors and use our knowledge to help support Mr Kelly and the staff to ensure that the children are receiving the best possible education. We never cease to be amazed by the dedication of all the staff. We also remain immensely proud of all the children in their care.

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Mrs Green who has been a key member of our teaching team for, probably more years than she cares to remember. She will be sadly missed by us all for her knowledge, experience, enthusiasm and kindness to everyone. We wish her every success in her next role.

All the Governors send best wishes to everyone for an Easter filled with rest, hope and peace. I hope we all remember that Easter is bigger than any of us fully understand. It is a new life, an empty tomb, forgiveness and the resurrection of Jesus. We look forward to seeing you all after Easter for an energetic summer with sports days, outdoor visits and end of year entertainment.

With Best Wishes from

Susannah Butcher

Chair of Governors

