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Dear Parents/Carers,

As Chair of the School Governors and as we approach the end of the academic year, I wanted to give you some feedback on our activities over the past year.

Firstly, you might be thinking 'What do Governors actually do?', well, quite a bit actually. Governors carry out a variety of activities throughout the year, including;

- Health and safety walks around the school to ensure a safe environment for our children, staff and visitors,
- Finance checks to ensure accountability;
- Supporting and challenging Mrs Lambert and the Senior Leadership Team;
- Interviewing potential staff members;
- Ensuring that all school policies are up to date;
- Meeting with a selection of pupils to gain their views on a variety of subjects;
- Attending training courses to enrich our ability to govern

...the list goes on but we are extremely proud of the work we do and more so, we are proud to be part of this amazing school.

It has been a hugely successful year in terms of achievements. In addition to the wonderfully enriched curriculum, we started the year with a pretty packed agenda of improvements and I am pleased to say, most were achieved:

Safeguarding – The safety of the children at Broadway is of paramount importance. Over the past year we have appointed a 'School Business Manager' who has overhauled the schools health and safety systems and have purchased new security features to keep children safe.

Data/Results – Preliminary results are extremely pleasing with year 1 phonic results coming in at 8.6% above the national average and 6.8% above the South Glos average. Likewise, pupils in year 2 have excelled with results in reading coming in at 17.6% above the national average and results in reading, writing and maths combined achieving 14.5% above the national average.

Building – We have improved the IT infrastructure within the school and plans for further improvements continue. Our hot water system is also to be replaced.

Parental and community links – We are always seeking new ways to improve parental and community links. This year we have improved engagement with activities such as the 'Winter Wonderland', school museum and art gallery. We have also held 2 public choirs for the community to enjoy at both the Baptist church and Chipping Sodbury Festival.

A great year I am sure you will agree!

So firstly, on behalf of the Governing body, I would like to say the biggest thank you to all of the children at Broadway. Their positive attitudes, great behaviour and eagerness to learn has helped shape Broadway into the fantastic school that it always has been and continues to be.

As ever, we are sad to say farewell to our Year 2 children and families and of course wish them a smooth transition and every success at The Ridge.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Lambert and all of the teachers for their relentless drive and determination and for working so hard to provide a safe, stimulating, varied and exciting environment for our children to learn, thrive and grow.

The 'Friends of Broadway Infant School' - There was a time when I thought that things like school discos, cake sales, fayres – all of the 'fun' things – just 'happen'. Well, they absolutely would not without the continued hard work of the 'Friends of Broadway' and support of the parents/carers. This year, monies raised through activities arranged by the 'Friends of Broadway' has funded the build of the new playhouse in the reception area. Further funds have been donated to contribute to the purchase of a suit of new Ipads for the children.

Finally, I would also like to thank my governing body team for their hard work, dedication and commitment that enables us to effectively support this wonderful school.

I wish you all a very happy, sunny and safe summer.

Michelle Clark

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