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Dear Parents & Carers,

On behalf of Padnell Infant School Governors I should first like to thank you for your support and commitment to the school in so many ways. The most important of these is that which you give daily to your children so they are able to have a positive experience in the first years of their education. It is acknowledged and appreciated by all the staff so they can carry out their duties in helping your children learn. The support you give to events, both educational and social, are invaluable to the development of your children and the school, examples being Parents Evenings, "Fudge" day and the Summer Fayre. We look forward to seeing Year R and Year 1 children in September and send our very best wishes to Year 2 children moving on to Junior School.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about the Governing Body and some of the duties we have carried out during this academic year. A list of Governors can be found on the school website and we can be contacted through the school office. The Governors main function is to ensure the school continually moves forward and improves, enabling all children to achieve well. This is done by rigorously monitoring and challenging the activities of the school and as such each Governor has specific areas in addition to an overall responsibility.

This year over a hundred visits, of one description or another, have been undertaken by Governors to support and scrutinise the business of the school. These activities have included:

- Governor meetings each half-term
- Visits to discuss Maths and English with the lead teachers
- Monitoring of other subjects and areas of the school
- Interpreting and questioning the school performance data
- Discussing the priorities for development
- Involvement in appointing staff
- Ensuring Safeguarding procedures are in place, which includes:
 - Evacuation Procedures
 - Health and Safety
 - Access of Visitors
 - Safer Recruitment

I would like to thank the hard work and commitment of Mrs Grayson and the Staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. It is notable that all current teaching staff will be returning in September which is a great testament to the atmosphere and morale that exists.

Finally, the co-operation and support in place between Padnell Infant and Padnell Junior Schools should be recognised and celebrated. This has been, and will continue to be, significantly beneficial to the children.

Best wishes,

Roger Osborne – Chair

For and on behalf of
The Governing Body