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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see on the reverse of our newsletter this week, a letter from our vice chair of governors, John Carroll.

I will be going in later today to watch the Year 6 leavers' performance and I imagine there won't be a dry eye in the house! The production this week by Year 4 and 5 pupils was wonderful. There wasn't one child who didn't shine with confidence and pride. I think that those of us who watched the play would agree that it was quite exceptional.



There was also a recorder recital this week for parents and once again the children were impressive with their assured performances and talent. They had even organised refreshments which they served at the end!

I hope that your children came home yesterday with news about the transition afternoon and some of the topics they will be studying in their new year group from September. We have so many exciting plans for the coming academic year that I am almost wishing the summer holidays to fly by. Almost, but not quite!

I hope to see some of you tomorrow at the Stone-cum-Ebony Summer Fair.

Claire Frost *Headteacher*



A reminder for children who are taking part in the Bikeability sessions on Monday to check their bikes this weekend and bring them in to school on Monday along with their cycle helmets.

Last Week's Golden Virtues Winners

- Windmill—Louie B and Joe
- Smugglers—Sam A and Sebastian
- Viking—the entire class!
- Oxney—William J and Daisy
- Rother—Jack and Phoebe



Remember BE SAFE ONLINE—Are your children playing age appropriate games? The school holidays is a time to take special care that they are not playing on anything not appropriate to their age group.



WE WILL BE HOLDING A SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE from 2.45pm NEXT THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL IN THE PICK UP AREA. ANY UNWANTED UNIFORM WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

A BIG THANKYOU TO EVERYONE ON THE WSA COMMITTEE, FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO HAVE SUPPORTED EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. We couldn't do it without you! *Miriam—Chairperson*

Dear Mrs Frost ,
I would like to thank you for your support during the fund raising month of June. I have made the donation of £15.00 to the charity Together For Short Lives. This was the money raised from the colouring competition and a 10% donation from the summer fair takings.
Andrea Harvey

A big congratulations to Josh from Rother class for receiving a promotion at Sea Cadets



Reminder that those children moving up to Juniors, Year 3, will not be entitled to Universal Free School meals. Please get in touch with the office if you would like to apply for Free School Meals. Meal payments need to be made in advance or on the day and cost £2.20 each. Children can opt for a meal on a daily basis if they wish.



Well done
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you are the winners of the Attendance Cup.

Leavers Service next Friday starts at 10a.m
All parents or carers and family are welcome to attend.

My role on the Governing Body of Wittersham CEP School

It would be fair to say that Governors have been required to respond to their rapidly changing challenges and the increased expectations of them almost beyond measure over the past ten or so years. The skills required haven't changed much but the expectation of outcome of the use of them have.

Outcomes are more closely scrutinised by Ofsted, it seems, than they ever have in the past—this is not necessarily a bad thing, because the education of our children is still of paramount importance, more so in the widening global economy—and this forces change on the ways in which Governors have to perform if they are to help avoid poor results for the children.

It is, and always has been for me, a privilege to be involved in the well-running of our School and one of the great rewards of being a Governor is being able to see at first-hand how the children express their talents at the hands of their expert teachers. Helping to ensure that the professionals have enough opportunity to perform is one of the responsibilities of those involved in governance and our teaching team is encouraged to continually develop to get to be the best it can be. Since the last Ofsted inspection in 2012 (Good) there have been many staff changes—and all for the good—not least of which is the current head Mrs Frost who carries on the tradition in a thoroughly modern way.

One of my responsibilities is to act as Chair of the Head Teacher Performance Management Committee. The primary purpose of the Committee is to ensure that the Head Teacher performs according to—and perhaps exceeds—expectations taken from a rigorously moderated School Development (or Improvement) Plan. Targets for the Head Teacher are set with the help of an external and impartial School Improvement Advisor. Another responsibility is in my role as Chair of the Finance, Facilities and Personnel Committee. This Committee helps set the Budget each year for the ensuing three years to ensure probity and the effective use of the (of course) increasingly scarce monetary resource. The health and safety of all School users and the fitness for purposes of the buildings is also under this Committee's aegis as is ensuring that personnel issues are scrutinised and managed according to current legislation and agreements.

As Vice-Chair of Governors, my role is not one of Chair-in-waiting, but is to take on responsibilities delegated by the chair and deputise for him during any absence, which absence, given the commitment of our current Chair, John Collins, is thankfully as rare as hen's teeth. We work closely together in a—hopefully—constructive relationship and share many of the responsibilities. We both undertake relevant training to attempt to maximise our effectiveness and try to encourage and motivate the rest of the governance team to 'be their best'. Which I believe they are.

The School continues to be the best it can be, for all who work, learn and play there and each time I visit I am gratified by the politeness, happiness and wonderful abilities of the children. I am still happy to contribute to the School and Village communities.

John Carroll, Vice-Chair of Governors