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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Trust Board Newsletter – Summer Term 2022

The sun continues to shine as the 2021-2022 school year draws to a close and I have been granted the privilege of writing the Trust Board Summer newsletter to our parents and carers. It's been an extremely busy and exciting term with some amazing achievements seen across the school.

Having written a list of the things I feel are worthy of a mention – I am concerned this newsletter will be the longest yet! Here goes ...

There have been various school visits, Year 3 visited Colchester Zoo, Year 4 visited Abberton Reservoir, Year 5 visited the Cambridge Botanical Gardens, Year 4 & 5 had an overnight stay at Danbury and of course, Year 6 had the week residential in the isle of Wight – great fun all around and thank you to all those who volunteer to help on these trips.

There has also been a great deal to celebrate this term, with Mr Sheppard's 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday where the children gathered in the playground and sang happy birthday which was an extremely touching gesture which caused many of us to well up and, of course, the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations held in conjunction with the Infants School.

There has been endless sporting success – both in and outside of school - and we congratulate all the children who take part in sport and all our other wonderful clubs including gardening, cookery, languages, music and art. Specifically, we would like to congratulate the school in achieving the Platinum School Games Award.

On the subject of sport, the sports day saw a great deal of enthusiasm from the children cheered on by very passionate parents and carers – the children did us all proud, teamwork, good behaviour, respect and mutual support were evident to see.

The Celebration Evening provided a fantastic opportunity for us to see all the talented work and creativity of the children – from ancient jewellery making to clever stories and mathematical triumphs, it's a wonderful opportunity to see the outcome of the teaching at the school.

Wacky Hair Day is always a favourite with the children (and a fair few wigs worn among the staff too!) and the Enterprise Day is an opportunity for the children to understand more about business, finance and commerce. The Year 6 "Pantastic" play was delightful – an absolute success all round.

As a Trust Board we would like to acknowledge and recognise the huge effort that goes into all of these events and activities – the children are extremely lucky to have such a breadth of experiences.



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The school recently held the annual School Development Planning meeting for 2022 – 2023 which also provided the opportunity for reflection on the past year; the evening was a real success and enabled a strategic review of priorities for the next academic year. It was great to be able to hold this event at the school with everyone together – there was great energy in the room.

As a Trust Board we would also like to acknowledge the extra commitment and personal sacrifice Mrs Robinson has made, in not only keeping Buttsbury Junior School to its exceptional standard, but in also supporting the Infant School in her role as Interim Executive Headteacher whilst Ms Gould is on maternity leave. It is greatly appreciated by all. The children certainly seemed to enjoy the super soaker at the Infants' sports day - a small taster of what lies ahead for them at the Junior School. We very much look forward to welcoming our new Year 3 children in September.

A special thank you goes to our Friends' Association – Helen Shipway, Noemi Boulwood, Claire Ivimy, Debbie Bailey and Neil Grindrod who manage a huge amount between them; their efforts are incredible, and a recent example is the amount raised at the Summer Bonanza £6000 in total. Please do consider offering your time to support their efforts and initiatives – our children directly benefit greatly from all they do.

We also have some staff changes with some of our staff relocating or starting new opportunities:

The teachers we say a warm farewell to are Mrs Felgate, Mr Frazer, Miss Elias and Miss Paine - we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours and thank them for their dedication in furthering our children's education.

We also say thank you and a warm farewell to some of our Support Staff, both Mrs Hall and Ms Rose, will be leaving us and we also wish them all the best for the future.

In respect of the Friends' Association, Debbie Bailey is stepping down from her role as Secretary after 5 years and Neil Grindrod is stepping down as Treasurer after one year. We would like to thank them for the all of their help.

There are also some departures from our Trust Board, Adam Breathwick, Community Trustee is stepping down after 9 years having supported the school in its journey to becoming an Ofsted Outstanding School under Mrs Robinson's leadership and Svetlana Warhurst, Parent Trustee is moving on to join a Senior School Trust Board after 3.5 years – we thank them both for all their guidance and support during their tenure.

We bid farewell to our Year 6 students who achieved our **best SATs results ever** this Summer – an extremely proud moment for all involved with the school and a tremendous effort and congratulations to our Year 6 children. We wish them all the luck in the world in their continued education journey.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for my warm welcome having only started in the role in November 2021. As a Trust Board, we are grateful and honoured to be able to support Mrs Robinson, the wider Senior Leadership Team – Mr Graves and Miss Carroll, all the wonderful staff, parents, community and, of course, our talented children.

My parting words are an extract from the recent parent survey which I think sum up all there is to say 'Mrs Robinson and her team go above and beyond'.

Wishing you all and your families, a restful and relaxing Summer break.

Laura Irvin  
Parent Trustee on behalf of the Trust Board

