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Dear Parents,

At the end of the first half of the Autumn Term, we have much to celebrate in the school. We pride ourselves on being 'a small and happy school at the heart of its community offering challenge and opportunity to all' and we certainly have many examples of that this term from the World Conker Championship to harvesting our allotments, from organising orienteering in Short Wood for 220 local children to participating in cross-country and rugby competitions. Our Year Five pupils have risen to the challenge and are doing a wonderful job as School Prefects, taking on a range of responsibilities from sorting the fruit and milk for younger classes to organising and running assemblies. We are also one of a small minority of schools who have achieved a Gold Award for our Sports Provision, thanks to the hard work of our Y4/5 Sports Leaders, staff, external coaches and pupils.

Behind the scenes, a lot has been going on to ensure our facilities are ready to be a primary school and now that planning permission has been granted, building work on our new Year 5/6 classroom should begin early in the new year. Another of several behind the scenes plans hopefully coming to fruition soon is School House. For those of you that don't know, School House is the building attached to Robins Class and it has been privately rented for many years. It is now vacant and we are very much hoping to take it over on a long term lease. This would give us additional space for group work, After School Club and community meetings downstairs, as well as extending storage space by using the upstairs. Robins C lass would expand their outdoor space to include the area of garden in front of the house and the remainder of the garden would be used to extend our playground, giving us much more outdoor space. We have a few hurdles still to jump, including getting Change of Use planning permission and we plan to do some work on the house to include a downstairs toilet but are hoping to move on with our plans as quickly as possible.

As the school develops, so does the governing body. We have said a fond farewell to Frances Harris and Ian Hood and welcomed Emma Stephens-Dunn back as a co-opted governor. This term we have re-elected our Chair, Vice Chairs and Committee Chairs; agreed our committee arrangements and membership; allocated individual responsibilities (such as Safeguarding Governor) and School Development Plan monitoring link roles (all based on our skills, experience and interests), and undertaken refresher training in 'Effective Governance' as a team. We are set up for the year and are keen to continue to

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do our very best for the school at this exciting time in its history. Our core functions as a governing body are to set the school's strategic direction, to be a 'critical friend' to the Headteacher, to hold the school leadership to account for the performance of the school, and to ensure financial probity. Our details, including our committee structure and the individual roles we each hold, are available on the school's website, so please do have a look if you would like to know more about who we are and what we do.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors

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