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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to our Spring Term – the perfect time for new beginnings. I am therefore delighted to announce that following the recent Parent Governor election, Mrs Charlotte Hicks has been duly elected as a Parent Governor to our Local Governing Board. Charlotte has been a parent at our school for a number of years and currently has a daughter in Year 3. We have also recently appointed Mr Matt Thomas in the role of Staff Governor. Matt is currently a Teaching Assistant in our school. The Revd Gerry Lynch, curate of St Johns and St Mary's also joins us as a Foundation Governor. We warmly welcome Charlotte, Matt and Gerry to our team and look forward to working with them in what is already proving to be a busy year.

In other news, it is almost twelve months since I wrote to tell you of the Governing Board's plans to replace our elderly and out of date Pre School mobile classroom with a permanent single storey extension to the main school building. Thereby meeting our aim to provide high quality teaching and learning for all 2-11 year olds within our school under one roof.

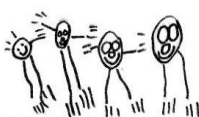
Unfortunately, since writing that letter – we have had to deal with a number of setbacks. A worldwide crisis in the building trade emerged with the added impact of Brexit and Covid, supply chain issues and escalating prices in the building trade worldwide meant our tenders for the project came in way out of our reach.

So - living out our school values of perseverance and aspiration – governors looked around for solutions and with the help of our colleagues in the EQUA MAT we have found a way forward. A modular building company will now be designing our extension using a very similar design to our original plan.

We are very pleased to announce that our long awaited Early Years extension will be built by Modulek Limited based in Dorset. Modulek have a proven track record of providing highly successful solutions to the education sector, using their expertise to design, within budget, bespoke modular constructions. We look forward to working with them on this project to deliver a building our school and wider community will be proud of. We have just submitted a revised planning application and, if successful, work will hopefully begin on site towards the end of this academic year. We will keep you posted on our progress.

With best wishes.

Caroline Martin, Chair of Governors



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