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An end of year message from Saxon School Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy year at Saxon as the school continues its expansion as a two-form entry school. As the school adapts and accommodates its growing numbers, none of this distracts from our shared focus – that of putting the needs and welfare of our children first.

As part of the development, the existing library is being converted into a new classroom, and this year great efforts have been made towards fundraising for the new library bus. A massive thank you to the SSA for their creative and varied fundraising efforts, and to all the parents who have contributed.

Other new developments this year have been the introduction of the Forest School initiative, morning runs for parents and children and the first ever Y3 school sleepover - the feedback on all of these has been very positive. The Saxon choir made their debut on the Wembley Arena stage in March at the Voice in a Million concert. The behaviour of the children that long day was exemplary, and it was a proud moment to watch them sing in front of thousands of people. Mrs Dangel has continued in her quest to broaden the musical horizons of the whole school by organising the recording of the first Saxon CD.

We always use our last Governor meeting of the academic year to focus on the end of the school results. Overall the school results are very good – and the KS2 results this year are particularly excellent. Congratulations to the hardworking pupils and all the teachers involved in helping them to achieve these tremendous scores.

Of course, our children would not do so well without the encouragement and care they receive at home, and we know from our visits how much of a positive impact this has on their learning, so thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. You will have noted in last week's newsletter that Saxon's KS2 results are well above the national average, which is a true reflection on the combined efforts of the whole school community to give our children the opportunity to do their best.

As Governors we're privileged to go behind the scenes and have a deeper understanding of what it takes to run a successful school like Saxon. Over the past year, Saxon Governors undertook learning walks on reading, science, DT and PE as well as meetings about Saxon's Children's Centre, behaviour and pupil voice, pupil premium and SEND. It is a real highlight of the governor role to be able to see the whole school in action and we are always struck by the dedication by all, to ensure the children are safe, engaged with their learning and challenged in different ways.



This year's governing board underwent some personnel changes. First we would like to thank Garry Stevenson who ended his term of office as a parent Governor and vice-chair of the Governing Board. His was an elected position and so the school called for new nominations from the parent community earlier in the year. Since only one nomination was received, there was no need to call for a vote and we were delighted to appoint Stuart Keasley this term. In addition to the head teachers, there are two staff Governor positions on the board and we said goodbye and thank you to Pippa Kober and Claire Vaughan. In their place we've been joined by Jenny Doherty and Natalie Williamson. We'd also like to say farewell to Sarah Moth, a community appointed Governor who had to leave due to work commitments.

Luann Donald, who joined the board as a parent Governor last year, is our new vice-chair.

Finally, I'd like to wish you and your families a wonderful and well-deserved break. And to all the pupils, teachers and parents leaving Saxon, we wish you the very best for a happy and fulfilling future.

Kind regards

Wendy Sedgwick
Chair of Governors
Saxon School