

## Governor Letter of Thanks. July 2022

On behalf of the Governors I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support for the school, and its staff. We are very fortunate in this village to be able to still have a thriving school, with committed leadership and staff, who are strongly focused on providing the best for all pupils. This is a school with lots to celebrate including its 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday within some of the original buildings within this community.

The memorabilia exhibited in the School Hall last Friday, much shared by past pupils and some still living in or in close proximity to the village, showed the importance and fond memories that previous pupils have had for the school. If you were able to attend I am sure you were also able to experience that the vision, ethos and passion for ensuring that pupils achieve the best version of themselves that they can be in a safe learning environment, where learning is fun, was very evident in the children's performance, in their enjoyment and in their behaviour. It was really lovely to hear that the ice cream seller commented on the politeness of the children when buying the greatly welcomed ice-cream and how noticeable that was compared to other schools she had attended recently.

Throughout 2020 and 2021 and 2/3 lockdowns, staff absence was low, but unfortunately and for many individual reasons, there has been greater pupil and staff absences since January 2022. However the life of the school and ensuring its purpose in enabling children to achieve and progress in an environment where learning is fun has not stopped. The joy of pupils and staff being a part of the school could not be missed and was so easily evidenced during the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Mr Cottrell and all the staff for enabling business as normal in a seamless way for parents and pupils, despite staff absences and continuing with planned school improvements, initiating new developments, ensuring that quality learning is a high priority and keeping up with continually new expectations being dropped on them on a daily basis.

We continue to wish Mrs Chapman well in her recovery and express our thanks to her for her vision and passion in wanting the best for the children in the care of the school and know that she will be delighted that her aim for the children to have greater access to activities in the outside environment, is now in place with the green house and planters, blessed by the Rev. Pauline Reid and opened by Dennis Barnard, an ex pupil.

My personal thanks also goes to our small Team of Governors and our Clerk Sarah Andrews who all work tirelessly for the school. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Governor please do contact me via the school office or by E mail on [chair@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:chair@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk) and I will happily discuss what the role involves and what a privilege it is to be a Governor at this school.

Last but not least THANK YOU to all the children for being who they are, for their enthusiasm in their learning and for helping to make the school environment the enjoyable place it is to be.

We wish the Year 6 children well in their new schools in September and also look forward to meeting the new children and families into the school along with those returning.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Kind regards,

Minnie House  
Chair of Governors.  
July 2022.