



Sarum St Paul's Church of England Primary School

"Loving to learn as we build friendship and faith"

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Dear Parents/Carers & Staff,

It is with near disbelief we send this final end-of-term governor newsletter for 2017/18! It has been such a busy year at Sarum St Paul's with many developments, both to the fabric of the site and the teaching and learning within, and SSP governors would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

Governance-wise, we say goodbye to one parent governor and welcome another. Volker Buck has served on the governing body for six years, sitting most recently on the Personnel Committee, and taking responsibility for Child Protection and Modern Foreign Languages in particular. His commitment and experience has been invaluable and we thank him greatly for his time and energy. Into the vacancy steps Kate Taylor whose professional experiences over many years in private industry, together with her longstanding commitment to SSP as a parent, will be of enormous benefit to the school. We congratulate her on her appointment and look forward to welcoming her on board in September. We thank you all for the interest you have shown in the parent governor election process.

We are also delighted to confirm the appointment of Peter Hime to the board as a foundation governor. Mr Hime is a member of the St Paul's Church congregation and brings with him a wealth of experience in business, finance and school governance. We thank him for committing to SSP in this role and look forward to welcoming him formally in the new school year.

Significant developments otherwise centre around the implementation of new data protection requirements. Staff and governors have received training on the changes and, as they are bedded in, you will continue to see physical and procedural changes around the school. Meanwhile, our responsibilities for financial monitoring have been met and staffing arrangements for the coming year are in place, together with a strategic plan for 2018/19.

In signing off, we would just like to make particular note of the activities SSP's staff, pupils and volunteers have undertaken in the community this year. There has been a litany of sporting successes (too numerous to detail), a wonderful showing at the city library's Salisbury Schools Art Exhibition, a fabulous joint choir performance with Bemerton St John's school, a Christmas concert at a nearby nursing home and much else besides. We thank everyone involved for giving our pupils the opportunity to take their talents wider and for flying the flag for our amazing school!

So as we welcome our new Reception starters with Stay and Play sessions and say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers with transition days and end-of-school celebrations, it only remains for us to thank you all again for another fabulous year.

With all best wishes for a lovely summer, and looking forward to seeing you again in September.

Alex Cornelius

Chair of Governors