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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last full meeting of the Governing Body on 29th June and the last committee meeting on the 19th July, completing the annual governance cycle. We are looking forward to this year, having agreed a strategic plan with the senior leadership team. We expect an Ofsted inspection this coming year, so our focus will be on ensuring school is as fully prepared as we can be.

As part of our preparations for Ofsted, I am delighted to let you all know that our Headteacher, Mrs Carr, has been appointed as an ASIA by the Director of Education at CW&C. This means that she will be working with other schools in the area for 2 or 3 days at a time, to help them overcome a specific problem. This is great news for our school because a) it means that Mrs Carr is a superb headteacher, b) Mrs Carr has received additional training and experience which means she is even more up to date with the latest requirements from Ofsted and the DfE, and c) this generates additional money for the school budget, helping us to pay for exciting new equipment and activities. So, well done Mrs Carr!

One consequence of this, however, is that Mrs Carr will have to work offsite at times, which means that she may not be available immediately, should you need to meet with her. We are confident that her leadership team, led by the most excellent Mr Manning, will be able to deal with any issues that arise and Mrs Carr will be available as usual once each assignment is complete.

The other area that Governors are focusing on is the school performance data, which includes the SATs results (although this year's official results won't be available until later this month), teachers assessments, external visitors and inspections (which go on regularly throughout the year). We will share our analysis of school data with you later this term, but in the meanwhile we can share the great news coming out of our nursery, which has shown that, since school took over the provision, there has been an enormous improvement in the general school readiness of children entering Reception class and we are now seeing the benefits of that as the first intake of children are finishing Key Stage 1. We have high expectations that this improvement will continue throughout the progress of these children at



Elton and have made maintaining our nursery provision an important part of our financial budget.

We hope you had a great summer and the children enjoyed their break, they had earned it after a great year. I'm sure you will be happy to join us in thanking Mrs Carr and the staff for the great job they have done for our children last year and hope that they had a fun and relaxing break over the summer, all ready to return refreshed once again for the new term.

Kind regards

Andrew Canham
Chair of Governors.

