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Dear Friends,

I must first apologise for not being present tonight, due to a family bereavement.

I can not quite believe that this is the 6th report I have written, time does fly by! September saw a full Reception Class, but as they were all familiar faces from our Barn Owls Pre-School, they settled in very quickly. We were very pleased to welcome back Ms Gibson to our year 1 and 2 class after a prolonged illness and also to Mr Scott, our new year 3 and 4 teacher. Our big news this year, was that after a very long wait, in January, we had a visit from Ofsted! Despite it being a gruelling experience, our staff, parents and governors were all very pleased with the outcome as we moved up a grade, from satisfactory to good, bucking the national trend. Our report states that, 'The curriculum engages the pupils and enables them to develop their skills in English and mathematics. It also supports the pupils' social, moral, spiritual and cultural development very effectively.' We are now aspiring to continue on our upward projectile and move the school to Outstanding.

Other exciting news is that Miss Coutts, our Reception Teacher, in March gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Buddy, 2 of our teachers were married, one at Easter and one at Christmas and we have a further 2 marriages to look forward to by the end of the Summer- lots of new names to learn!

As last year, Brass lessons continued for 6 children who showed promise in the Summer Term, and their performance at Easter was very good indeed. This year all our year 3 and 4 class the Hawks, are again learning brass and with 34 children and Mr Scott playing it will be quite a sound!

We have enjoyed great success in our sporting events with the Tag Rugby team again winning the local tournament and both our year 3, 4 football team and year 5, 6 team bringing back trophies. We are now into our summer sports with cricket matches, tennis games and rounders tournaments ahead of us. We will also be starting swimming in our pool after half-term and hope for the lovely weather that we enjoyed last year. Each class is able to swim 3 times a week and we are really lucky to have such a super resource and wonderful PTA members who all year raise money tirelessly for us.

Again we have been blessed to have many parent volunteers to support us in delivering our after school clubs, from football to cooking, the latter being run by 2 mums We have also had in school, different coaches and the children have enjoyed street dancing, judo and more recently Tae Kwon Do . During the school day we also are lucky to have many volunteers from the community who join us in school. Last Summer's production of Joseph by the older children and at Christmas, 'Whoops a Daisy Angel,' by our younger pupils, were huge successes and the time is soon approaching for us to begin this year's extravaganza – after our year 6 SATs tests next week.

I would like to end by saying once again a big thank you for the support you offer this local school. Volunteers are always welcome, so do pop in and visit us.

Many thanks

Julie Sharpe
(Head)