**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we come to the end of another busy and successful summer term, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the local governing board, to thank you for your continued support of our school community.

This term marks the end of a significant chapter in our school’s history as we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Peaper who is retiring after an incredible 24 years of dedicated service. Mrs Peaper has been an inspiring leader, a passionate educator, and a tireless advocate for every child in the school. Under her leadership and guidance, the school has continued to grow and flourish and the positive impact she has had on pupils, staff, and families will be felt for many years to come.

We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, commitment, and care Mrs Peaper has brought to the role. I know you will all join us in wishing her a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement.

In September, Katy Graham will take over from me as the new Chair of the local governing board as I step down. Katy has been a local governor for 18 months and brings a wealth of experience to the role. I am sure Katy will be in touch at the start of term to introduce herself. It has been a joy and privilege to serve the school community as chair over the past 18 months – St John’s really is a special place.

To all our families, thank you again for your ongoing support. We wish you a restful and enjoyable summer break, and the school looks forward to welcoming you back in September for the start of an exciting new school year.

With best wishes,

  
Chair of the local governing board