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Chair of Governors

This term has been a celebration of the wealth of opportunities that the Bridgetown community has to offer. From a successful Key Stage 2 theatre trip in January, to a showstopper of a FOBS pantomime in February, from enrichment opportunities, concerts, assemblies, to the annual Year 6 residential trip and open mornings in March, the school has proudly showcased the spirit that continues to unite parents, carers, staff, pupils and volunteers alike. We want to recognise the time and effort that goes into all these events (both in their planning and execution) and offer our sincere thanks to everyone for their invaluable contributions and generosity of support.

As governors, we have continued to meet and engage with the school regularly this term to ensure that we remain assured of the work that is being undertaken by the leadership team, and wider staff body, towards the continued development and improvement of the school for all its pupils. There have been the usual monitoring visits for safeguarding, attendance, well-being, behaviour and culture, and inclusion, as well as meetings related to financial health and budget planning. The governing board has also commissioned an external review of governance (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/external-reviews-of-governance-whats-involved) this term from an independent governance professional, as part of the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the work that we do. This has involved the external reviewer seeking governor feedback from all governors through a confidential questionnaire, scrutiny of our documentation and policies, attending a full governing board meeting and speaking with a range of governors to hear them talk further about their roles. We look forward to the feedback that this review will provide and will use it to maintain focus on the work that we do, as we support the school through its next chapter of development.

We are also mindful that the school was last inspected by Ofsted in September 2022, so it is likely that we will be inspected again from the next academic year. As governors, we have been engaging with suitable training and development to prepare us for the inspections to be completed under the new framework, which began in November 2025. Further information around these inspections can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-inspection-framework/education-inspection-framework-for-use-from-november-2025.

We are delighted that we have had two further associate governors join us this term, Ellie Proffitt and Dirk Dette, both current parents of children at the school. Ellie brings a wealth of knowledge in education, particularly related to safeguarding and online safety to the board. Ellie has already supported some of the work of our safeguarding link governors, as well as supporting Mrs Coaché with the recent 'Safer Internet Day' planning and events which took place in February. Dirk has professional experience of compliance, auditing with a background in law. We are grateful to both Ellie and Dirk for their interest and support, and we are looking forward to working with them over the months and years ahead. As always, please do refer to our latest minutes and information about the governing board on the school website: https://www.bridgetown.warwickshire.sch.uk/the-governing-body/.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable Easter break, shared with friends and family, and wish those of you heading away safe travels and memorable experiences to treasure.

Yours sincerely

Luke Jackson (Chair of Governors), on behalf of the Governing Body