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Dear Parents and Carers of Bayford School children,

At the end of the first term of the current school year I think it a good opportunity to reflect on what a busy, and successful, time we have had at your child's school.

It was a great pleasure for the whole school community when Dr Foster stepped up to the role of Headteacher in September. At the same time, we also received our new vicar, Rev'd Theresa Musiwacho, I was elected to the role of Chair of Governors and two new teachers joined our staff. Well, that all seems a long time ago now, everyone has worked hard and it was very satisfying to learn after half-term that Ofsted still judge us a 'Good' school. Their report was most complimentary to our staff who all work so hard to ensure that your children receive the best possible education. The new Ofsted framework is very challenging and the Section 8 inspection we received was to make sure we continue to be 'Good' as judged in 2016, if there had been any concern they would have returned for a Section 5 inspection.

Early in the term, FOBS had a meeting attended by over 30 parents, new officers were elected and new plans made for supporting the school. FOBS make a great difference to us, not just in the way that it enables parents and friends to meet and share experiences but also in raising money for the things our school cannot buy out of our usual funding. The school was a joint beneficiary from FOBS efforts at the Bayford Craft Fair in November, so much effort went in to that day and it was good to see so many visitors there. In December, FOBS also organised a successful Christmas Fair at school using a very different format. The Governors were invited to participate and we ran a 'Name the Bear' competition as well as a challenge to identify members of staff from their childhood photos.

Your Governors support the school in a variety of ways, each Governor takes on a subject responsibility and we monitor the overall running of the school from budgets to staffing and including premises and all the other areas that make the school what it is. This term, three of us were happy to take on the role of lunch time staff while the teaching and support staff enjoyed a sharing lunch together in the Sunshine Room. We learnt a lot from the children about how lunchtime is organised, and did our very best to leave a clean hall and monitor a safe playground, but we were very happy to welcome the real staff back after their lunch!!

Finally, I, and all the Governors, would like to wish you and the children a happy and peaceful Christmas holiday. Thank you for your support this term and we look forward to 2020 with great optimism and faith in our school community.

Yours faithfully

Brenda Lambie

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Chair of Governors