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We are fast approaching summer holidays and this school year seems to have flown by really quickly. On behalf of all the Governors, I would like to thank Mrs Collinson and all the teaching and support staff who have once again worked so hard in delivering such positive results for this school year.

It has been a really eventful year and it was back in September that the school received an Ofsted inspection. The first few weeks of term are not the easiest time for an Ofsted visit but I have to say our children rose to the occasion and were a credit to the school. The inspectors were clearly impressed with our children. The Ofsted inspector said Biddick Hall Junior School is a "happy, vibrant learning environment in which staff strive to provide the very best quality of education for pupils."

During the past year, we have welcomed new governors onto our board, including myself. They have brought various talents to our team, and are keen to get involved in all aspects of school life. It is so important to have a good mix of skills on our governing board and we are privileged to have their expertise in many areas. If you would like to know more about becoming a governor please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of the governors or Mrs Collinson.

The Spring term was a sad one for the whole of the school community. Miss Evelyn Winship, who was chair of governors and had been closely involved with Biddick Hall Junior school for many years, passed away suddenly. She will be remembered fondly by all in our school family.

We also have to say goodbye this year to Miss Hollamby who has been with the school for nearly 5 years. She has been a great support to pupils in Year 5, and her creative and artistic skill can be seen around the school. She is going to be greatly missed by all staff and pupils. We would like to wish her the greatest success in her training to become a teacher.

The two key aspects of governance centre around School Improvement and Finance & Resources. Whilst these groups are a major part of school life, it is worth noting that governors take on additional responsibilities in areas such as Health & Safety, Safeguarding, Special Needs, Maths and Literacy, to name just a few!

Our governors also try to attend events such as assemblies, and aim to spend some time in school doing learning walks and focusing on key areas of the school curriculum. I would assure all parents that the Biddick Hall Junior School governors take their

responsibilities extremely seriously and are committed to working with our Head Teacher and all staff in ensuring the ongoing success of our very special school.

In closing, I would draw your attention to our newly designed school website which I think looks really amazing. We have already had some positive feedback from people who have visited the site and like it's fresh and inviting design. The new strap line under our new school logo sums up what we are about.....

Enjoying, achieving and learning together

We wish you all a lovely Summer break - it all starts again in September!

Governing Body