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Subject: Frampton Cotterell CofE Primary School – Governors Annual Letter to Parents

Dear Parents / Carers,

With our first term virtually completed, it's that time of each academic year when the Chair of your governing body reports back to you about the school's achievements over the last year, and lays out our exciting plans for the current year.

Firstly, welcome to all of the new families joining our school and also to the new staff members. As you know, we have our brand new head teacher, Mr Barnard, whom you all know, and our new deputy head teacher, Mrs Hornig who is also one of our class teachers in reception. Mrs Hornig has been joined in Class 1 by Mrs Walker. We are also lucky to have Miss Pate (Class 5) and Miss Whittock (Class 10) start at our school.

As well as new teachers, we also have several new Governors this year, and after eight years as Chair of Governors, Dawn Kingscott has stepped down, but we are pleased to say continues as one of our Governors.

Secondly, we look to performance, the school has had a brilliantly successful 2016/17 achieving all of the goals that we set for ourselves at the start of the year.

Key Stage 2 results were nothing short of fantastic with 88% of pupils meeting or exceeding the "expected standard" in all three core subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths – making us the third best performing school in all of South Gloucestershire and way above the national average. In Key Stage 1, our externally moderated results were extremely good with over 70% of pupils meeting or exceeding the "expected standard" in all three core subjects, (this is significantly above the national average and above the average in South Gloucestershire). Our Early Years (Reception) results were also high achieving, with 82% of children achieving "Good Levels of Development". Collectively, this is an excellent set of results and we should all be proud of how our pupils have succeeded and is a reflection on the strength of our teaching.

Last year, we had our Ofsted inspection and were very pleased to retain our judgement as a "Good" school (you can find a link to the report on the school website). As well as Ofsted, we also had our regular SIAMS (church) inspection where we were judged as "Outstanding" with particular mention of how well embedded the school's Christian ethos is with both staff and pupils.

Thank you to all our staff and children for working so hard to deliver these results, whilst also ensuring that FCCE retains its happy, calm and caring nature.

A big focus last year was on reading and comprehension as we feel that these are key skills required to become a successful learner. Ensuring that children read both at school and at home has been instrumental in raising reading standards across the school. These are the just rewards for your

support in listening to your children read and filling in their reading diaries regularly; it is noted and appreciated.

Thirdly, attention must be given to our wonderful, tireless Friends of FCCE, who through all their hard work with fundraising events last year, raised a phenomenal £16,000. This money is essential to continue providing the tools and materials which the school needs to deliver the best possible education for your children. As well as the big ticket items such as computers and laptops, Friends also fund the more mundane, exercise books, stationary and a myriad of other things, which the declining school government budgets now struggle to provide. So please continue to support the Friends and get involved where you can over the forthcoming year, they will always welcome more help!

Looking forward to this year, there are already lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for your children including the recently announced enrichment days which are new for this year and we hope to make a standard part of the school going forwards.

The areas in which the school and governors are specifically focussing our efforts this year include:

- Creating more opportunities to develop, support and improve our children's well-being.
- To have 80% of teaching staff graded as "outstanding".
- All children to achieve "Age Related Expectations" or are making above-expected progress.
- To improve handwriting and spelling standards throughout the school.
- Ensure Christian distinctiveness is embedded throughout the school.

The governing body will be supporting the teaching staff to deliver on the goals through regular visits to school, where we will be looking for evidence to measure the effectiveness of actions taken and strategies employed. We will continue provide support, suggestions and guidance where appropriate.

If you would like to get in touch with a governor about any aspect of the school strategy or governance please either, find one of us around the school at drop off or pick up time (our names and pictures are on a board outside the office) or request an appointment via the school office.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. P. Coney', with a long, sweeping underline.

Dan Coney

(Chair of Governors at FCCE Primary School and Parent Governor)