THE LEA PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year at The Lea, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Governing Board, to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on what has been a truly remarkable year for our school community.

One of the greatest privileges of being Chair of Governors is seeing first-hand the dedication, professionalism and care shown by our staff. Every day they go above and beyond to provide the very best education and opportunities for our children. Their commitment to nurturing, inspiring and supporting every pupil is extraordinary, and I know I speak for all governors when I say how grateful and impressed we are by their work. A perfect example of this was how staff have kept the children safe and learning despite the recent hot weather.

I am equally proud of our pupils. Throughout the year, whenever I'm in the school, I see them consistently demonstrate enthusiasm, resilience, kindness and maturity. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field (I was fortunate enough to accompany the children to the rugby tournament earlier in the year), on educational visits or representing the school in the wider community, they have been outstanding ambassadors for The Lea. Their achievements are a testament not only to their own hard work, but also to the strong partnership between school and home.

Among my many highlights from this year, one memory stands out in particular: the unforgettable Fire of London reconstruction. Seeing the pupils' carefully crafted cardboard houses lined up in the playground before being dramatically set alight brought history vividly to life. The excitement, curiosity and engagement shown by the children made it a wonderful learning experience and a fantastic example of the creativity that makes learning at The Lea so special.

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We say farewell and thank you to Mrs Cross and Mrs Hills two valued members of staff who are leaving us. We are immensely grateful for their contribution to the life of the school (Mrs Cross has been at the Lea for 19 years!) and the positive impact they have had on countless children over their time here. On behalf of governors, parents and pupils, I would like to wish them every success and happiness in the next chapter of their careers.

This year has also seen some changes to our Governing Board, including the tragic passing of Tristan Ashman, our Chair at the start of the academic year, who did so much for the Governing Body. We offer our sincere thanks to those governors who are stepping down after giving their time and expertise in service to the school. Their commitment has been greatly valued and has helped shape The Lea into the thriving school it is today. We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to our new governors, whose skills, experience and enthusiasm will strengthen the work of the board.

As we look ahead, there is much to be excited about. The Lea continues to go from strength to strength, and I am confident that the school is exceptionally well placed to build on its successes. With such talented staff, wonderful pupils, supportive families and a committed governing board, the future is bright indeed.

I wish all our families a happy, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at The Lea.

Yours sincerely,

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