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Welcome back to the new school year!

On behalf of the whole Governing Body, I would like to congratulate last year’s Year 2 and Year 6 pupils whose SATS results showed that they had achieved so much. You may recall that results across the country largely went down compared to last year, however St. John’s pupils’ results remained at a steady high, far exceeding the national average. These SATS were the first taken since the Government abolished the previous assessment scheme which caused some confusion for schools, so the excellent results were doubly impressive. We are very proud of the perseverance and positive attitude our pupils have shown during this period and as governors we would also like to pass on our thanks to the school team for all their efforts working with the new curriculum and assessment framework. Finally, of course, thank you to all our parents and carers who have done so much to work with our teachers to support and complement our children’s school work; it’s clearly paying off!

As we start the new school year I would like to pass on the thanks of the governors to the parents’ *Friend’s Group* which does so much for the school. Their fundraising alone has supported a wide range of events and trips – not forgetting their massive support in funding the brilliant school playground. ir work was integral to the ; if you would like to get involved in the *Friend’s Group* do contact the school office who can put you in touch with the Group.

We always try to ensure that parents are able to be involved at St Johns wherever possible and recognise the real benefit this has for your children. The school aim to help you understand what the teachers and staff are doing to help your children’s education here at St John’s, especially as things have developed and changed so much since our own primary education. The school team are currently putting together a range of sessions where you can hear more about what your child’s class are focussing on, how you can support them and what some of the learning techniques we use are.

We always appreciate your comments and will be available at the parents’ evenings next half term should you wish to come and talk with us about any ideas or thoughts you have.

On behalf of the governing body

Sue Hallam

Chair of Governors