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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff Team,

It is extraordinary that we find ourselves with term 2 behind us and swiftly approaching Christmas. The governing body would like to share some reflections and thanks as we head towards 2021.

Our school values have shone through once more, and we are hugely **thankful** to all members of our school community for your efforts in helping the school to keep its doors open so that our children can benefit from learning together and playing together; something we all value so much following the spring lockdown.

The whole school team, our own incredible team of key workers - including all the teachers, teaching assistants, kitchen, office, lunchtime and the Chilton Club Childcare team, under the fantastic leadership of Mrs Turner, have displayed such **courage** over these recent months, in such uncertain times. They have also demonstrated their resilience and creativity, as they adjusted to new approaches to fun and learning at school while adhering to the guidelines. It has been a phenomenal effort by every single member of the team, and we are very **thankful** for their **courage**, dedication and support.

In the autumn term we typically host Open Mornings and enjoy showcasing our wonderful school. This year these were done very differently to keep our community safe, and we would like to share our appreciation and **thankfulness** to the office team, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Turner and the parent and governor volunteers who demonstrated their **love** for the school by coming in on two Saturdays to enable prospective parents the opportunity to see the school. The positive feedback from our visitors was very encouraging, and the **love** we all share for the school truly came through.

Love has been particularly evident in how the fabulous Friends have worked together to get creative with their events and fundraising. The children and school community have been able to feel the festive spirit despite the many restrictions, and we are **thankful** for everyone's support of these activities, including the pantomime for the children, amazing raffles, virtual Christmas fair, tree sales and Sparkle day as well as the amazing amount raised for the Christmas lunch. There is a very long list, so a huge **thank you** to Rachel Gear and The Friends for sharing the **love**. The catering team have been busy as well, so we are keen to **thank** them too for all the extra they do. We are one of the few schools in the local area with our own in-house catering team; something which we believe greatly benefits the children, and we are delighted that so many of them enjoy their delicious and healthy warm meals!

With thankfulness, courage and love, we strive to improve heart and mind.

The governing body continues to meet regularly, albeit virtually, to ensure we fulfil our role and obligations. We have been impressed with how the school continues to put the children first despite the extensive amounts of additional paperwork, measures and guidelines to be followed. In January we hope to recruit two parent governors, hoping to attract those who **love** our school, and would like to join our dynamic and visionary team. We will share further information about the role, responsibilities and the recruitment process in the New Year. If anyone would like further insight in the meantime, please contact Sam Wolcough via chair@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk.

All that remains is for us to wish you a healthy and happy festive season. Whilst we all yearn to see more of our friends and family, we urge everyone to play their part in doing this safely within the guidelines so we can hopefully have another equally successful term at school from January.

We look forward to a very exciting 2021, when we will be marking the school's 250th birthday!

With heartfelt **love, thankfulness and courage**

Sam Wolcough
on behalf of the governing body

With best wishes,

The Governing Body