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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year at West Lodge there is much to celebrate. Our academic results go from strength to strength with improvements across all our key targets. This is testament to the hard work of the staff and of course the hard work put in by the children themselves – they have much to be proud of.

We must thank Mr Dees, Miss Rolnick, Mrs Grant and all members of the leadership team for their continued strong leadership and for creating the environment that is the West Lodge Way – positive attitudes and a growth mindset instilled across the school as we strive to ignite the spark of lifelong learning in every child. The continued growth and success of Kaleidoscope in its second year under Mrs Grant's leadership reaffirms inclusivity at the heart of our school both culturally and physically.

We say goodbye to our year six pupils as they grow and move on to senior school, confident that they have both the academic and social skills to be prepared for the next stage of their school lives. We also say goodbye and thank you to members of staff who also have grown into new roles, whilst we welcome new colleagues and the skills that they bring to the school next year.

The year has seen the children getting their hands dirty, literally, in helping to build our very own Celtic Roundhouse – a great additional resource for the school's outdoor learning and a very quiet and beautiful place to be. I was fortunate enough to attend the opening ceremony where our adopted Celtic leader held the children in rapture. It really is a special place and we are very lucky to have this in our grounds.

Continuing outdoors – Miss Rolnick has championed Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) to huge success this year with the school achieving the OPAL Platinum Award. Most importantly, playtime has become more imaginative and involving for the children.

We continue to owe a huge debt of thanks to the Friends of West Lodge (FOWLS) for organising some brilliant fundraising events this year with added new events in the calendar. A lot of this credit can be given to chair Jenny Allsop, the incoming treasurer Parvatha Swaminathan and of course to the committee and helpers that support them. It's great to see so many parents getting involved in FOWLS and enjoying themselves with it. FOWLS continue to raise huge sums of money that goes directly back into improving the school facilities for all our children and for that we must be both grateful and offer our thanks to all the efforts put in by the team.

This year we also welcome three new Governors: Philip Lawder as a Community Governor; Amar Patel as a Parent Governor and Chris Woolf as a Co-opted Governor – each brings valuable new skills and experience to the Governing Body whilst all three bring a new enthusiasm to the role. We will again be recruiting for a Governor in the Autumn term and will welcome interest from those that want to become more involved with the school. It is a great opportunity for you to help support our school as it grows from strength to strength. I can speak for all the Governors when I say we find it an incredibly rewarding role. I trust you will all have a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break!

Kind regards

Gideon Adey - Chair of Governors

