Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this extraordinary year, it is time for the governors to reflect on all that has been achieved during the school year.

A big thank you must go to the whole school community. Your efforts as families during yet another period of home schooling, are nothing short of incredible. Although there have been long periods of time where we have been apart, never have we felt more connected as a community, with your support, care, patience, resilience and communication playing a key role in the education and wellbeing of the children at Carclaze.

Our thanks go to all the staff who, led by Mr Pollard, have been working

tirelessly supporting the children and their families, going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the best possible outcomes for all children. We have loved seeing and hearing how much the children have continued enjoying learning, whether at home or in school, growing and succeeding in many ways. We are

especially appreciative of the thought and care the staff give to supporting the children’s wellbeing.

We also very much appreciate and pass on our thanks to everyone who has

contributed to the school, including the fantastic Friends of the school, parents and families, and of course especially the children who have yet again shown how incredible they are: we are very proud of them all.

As governors, we have adapted and found new ways of staying in touch and

supporting and challenging the school. I would like to thank my fellow governors for their help and support and willingness to adapt to new ways of governance. Governors volunteer their time and energy to meetings, visits and training as well as juggling busy work and family lives. I will be writing to you in September to tell you more about governance and how you can get involved.

At this time of year, we think about those who are moving on. We wish our Year 6 children all the best for the future as they move on to their new schools and thank them for everything they have contributed to Carclaze. We know their end of year celebrations and preparations for moving on have been different to usual, but also know they have adapted so well and made the most of enjoying their end of year experiences together. We are so proud of you all and wish you all well!

This year we also say some fond farewells to staff. We say goodbye, good luck and thank you to Mrs Longley and Mrs Severn who have been teaching at

Carclaze during the strangest period of time in education. We also say an

emotional goodbye to two long serving members of staff; Mrs Bray and Mrs Johns. I know the whole Carclaze community will join me in thanking them for their wonderful care of our children in the Foundation stage over many, many years and they will be forever missed but remain in the heart of our school.

Moving into the new school year we will continue to support the school in

adapting to the guidance issued by H M Government and ensuring that we fulfil our duties as Governors with an emphasis on supporting the physical and mental wellbeing of the children, families and staff.

Once again: thank you. This has been a year unlike no other. Our values of Care, Communicate, Persevere and Sparkle have never felt more meaningful than now. Thank you for coming together as a community when times were tough.

Together we can dream big and achieve whatever we dare to dream!

Stay safe and have a fantastic summer holiday with your loved ones.

Very best wishes,

Helen Knight (Chair of Governors)