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Dear Staff, Parents and Carers,

I'm writing to give you all a brief update from the Governing Body, as another hugely successful academic year at Abbots Ripton Primary School draws to a close. The feeling at school continues to be incredibly positive. I've been fortunate to be able to spend a couple of sessions in school since half term, and I continue to feel incredibly proud of the whole school team, and the superb attitude that all of our children have towards their learning. Their enthusiasm for being at school is simply wonderful.

Everyone's hard efforts have once again been rewarded with a simply outstanding set of end of year test results which for the second year running look likely to be well above County and national averages! On behalf of the governing body I'd like to praise and thank all of the children, the entire staff and our community of parents and carers who support them. Thank you once again to Claire Matthews for her inspirational leadership throughout the year.

This is always a sad time at school, as we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. We wish them every success and all our good luck as they start their secondary school journey. We are also saying goodbye and good luck to a number of other families, who I know will be missed. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Georgie Crow, who is leaving us to embark on the next stage of what I know will continue to be a great career in teaching. You have been a wonderful teacher to so many children, and as governors we have been hugely impressed by your creativity and talent.

In the Autumn term we look forward to welcoming 2 new teachers as well as 20 new foundation children, along with some new families who will be part of our other classes. This will take our role to 107 which is just fantastic. It's great that many of the families have specifically chosen us over their nearer, catchment school. This is a really clear signal that Abbots Ripton is a great place to be!

I can't write this letter without extending huge thanks to the STARS team, and to everyone who has supported them throughout the year at a whole host of amazing events (even when England were playing!). You make an enormous contribution to the success of the school, and the quality of educational opportunities that our children have.

I will be staying on as Chair of Governors for the coming academic year, with Colombe Flint as vice-chair. I'd like to thank all of my colleagues on the Governing Body for their hard work and dedication to the school over the last 12 months – again, this has really made a difference.

It looks like we might just be in for a great summer of weather – whatever you're doing, I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday, and look forward to working with you all next year.

Very best wishes,

Robin

Dr Robin Price
Chair of Governors



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