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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another year, on behalf of the Governors, I thank you sincerely for the support you have given Mrs. Leeman, all the staff and your children, throughout the year. After a difficult few years, we are delighted with how the school and its community worked hard to quickly re-establish routines, a new, exciting and varied curriculum, external visits and visitors to enhance teaching and learning and the many clubs and extended activities that the school offers. Your children have embraced these and been rewarded with great school experiences as well as excellent end of year results. We thank Mrs. Leeman and all the staff for their hard work, loyalty and commitment throughout the year.

The school continues to run a very successful Initial Teacher Training Programme, accredited by the University of Worcester, enabling us to benefit from trainee teachers working across the school, as well as develop teachers of the future. Cressview continues to offer specialist support for pupils with many successes for the pupils attending. We are proud to be able to employ excellent teaching assistants in every class, to support our children and teachers and we have a strong administration and maintenance team, that enables the successful day-to-day running of the school. We also have academic tutors and emotional support mentors, who work with a selection of pupils. It is through the co-operation and support of everyone within our school community, that Welford is so successful.

The schools Leadership Team, including Governors, work creatively and resourcefully, to maintain our high standards and quality of education. However, our budget has been dramatically cut and we need additional sources of funding to continue to provide the very best learning environment for our children. As an example, we only get just over £6000 a year to maintain our building and outside area, undertake any refurbishment and replace or maintain our ICT equipment. We continue to look for additional funding and ways to enhance our financial stream but the resources and equipment our children use, the classroom environment, as well as the building itself, need continuous development and upgrading and we do not have sufficient funds to do this.

To supplement the funding we receive, we have in the past, requested additional financial support from the school community and with this in mind, we created the Governor Fund some years ago. Some families already contribute to this on a regular basis and we thank



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you most sincerely. Through your support this year, we have been able to contribute towards the Nursery and Reception canopy, giving much needed shade for the children, whilst enjoying their outdoor learning. We have also donated towards the instalment of air-conditioning units in four of our KS2 classrooms, where the excessive heat through the windows, made learning for the children, extremely uncomfortable at times.

We have lots of plans and would like to do more to benefit the children and enhance our school.

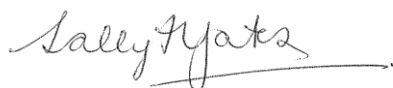
- Our service kitchen needs an upgrade and refurbishment. We would like to cook school meals on the school premises, instead of having them transported. A freshly cooked meal would be an improved option for our pupils.
- The KS2 boys' toilet block is in dire need of a refit in line with the KS2 girls' toilets, which were refitted in 2020, during our new hall building project.
- Due to increasing staff numbers, more staff toilets are required and this could be achieved by refurbishing the disused shower room on the KS1 corridor.
- We would also like to improve our entrance area and make it a more welcoming and secure space, by creating a visitor waiting area.
- We require more suitable office space for our admin team, as well as additional meeting rooms to offer more privacy for confidential conversations, with parents and external agencies. This could be achieved through a reconfiguration of the offices.

If we are to achieve our ambitions, we would be grateful for contributions from more of the school community, to enhance the funding and grants we are able to obtain by other means. We ask that you please consider donating £10 per family per month, or as much as you are able. If you are interested in supporting the school, please sign the attached direct debit mandate to make a monthly contribution, or a one-off payment, to support our Governor Fund.

We thank you in advance and hope you will seriously consider supporting the fund and making a regular donation.

The Governors and I wish you a lovely summer holiday and enjoyable break. For the children moving to the next phase of their education, we wish them every success and an enjoyable time at their new school. For those returning in September, or who are new to Welford, we look forward to seeing you and supporting future achievements and developments.

Kind Regards



Sally Yates
Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Governing Board



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