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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic primary school. I took over the role in October from Miss Carol Houghton who had been Chair of Governors many years, so as you can imagine it was a hard act to follow.

Firstly, I would like to pay tribute to Miss Houghton for her dedication and hard work to Our Lady's. She has worked tirelessly for the school as Chair and I am delighted she continues to share her time, vast knowledge and experience with us by remaining a governor for the school.

I have been a governor here for 14 years so I am no stranger to Our Lady's either; my two teenage boys attended this school as well as my husband Arthur, who is ever supportive especially when my team Everton lose! I work part time in the Civil Service in Liverpool and have been there more years than I care to admit. Being part of St Wilfrid's parish community I am actively involved in parish life including preparing adults and children in receiving the Sacraments. I will do my best to serve this school that I love as best I can and assure you of my dedication for the best outcomes for your children.

As the year draws to a close we reflect on all the good things that have taken place and celebrate the successes in the past year such as: the Year 6 Welcome assembly for Reception children and all the year assemblies; being the only primary school to be awarded the 5 Ways to Well-being award; the wonderful achievement of our two Year 1 pupils winning the Liverpool Archdioceses ALPSIT art and logo competition, the great celebration of Year 4 receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We also had the girls' football team representing Cheshire in Sheffield, and the school appearing in the training video for Health Britain and filmed by ITN. We were able to purchase a new projector and sound system in the main hall and held fundraising events such as MacMillan, CAFOD and Good Shepherd. The recent Christmas fair was good fun as well as the school plays so brilliantly performed by the children. It was fantastic to see the return of Mrs Stanley, our school secretary too in October to name just a few.

It makes you realise when you see all these things listed above how rich and diverse is the fabric of school life with all the good work with the children, community and good causes. What a wonderful school it is and I am very proud of it. Next year we will continue to improve as a school, and we will continue to nurture and educate your children in accordance with our school mission, currently under review, to be agreed with all connected to the school.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved with the school for their immeasurable support: Mrs McGuffie and the whole of the school family – teaching and support staff, governors, mid-day assistants, kitchen staff, cleaners, volunteers, external advisers, parents and children - for a really productive and rewarding year brought about by sheer effort of hard work and goodwill, with the joy and enthusiasm of the children making it all worthwhile.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and new year



Warmest wishes

Mrs Susan Williams

Chair of Governors