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Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Family Members,

An End of Year Message from the Governing Body

As we come to the end of another busy year, on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to congratulate the children and staff for their hard work and commitment to the school this year, and to thank the parents, carers and family members for their support.

Children in all year groups have progressed and achieved but, as a Junior School, we are judged by our results in Year 6 at Key Stage 2. The Governing Body, the School and the Local Authority School Improvement Partner, are delighted that our 'Year 6 Combined Score,' that Ofsted looks at, has risen from 33% to 53% under Mrs O'Connor's leadership. This is in addition to the significant increase in the amount of children reaching the expected standard in all subjects over the two years. Quote from Mrs O'Connor: "The Year 6 children took the assessments seriously and have worked their socks off; I am very proud." The National Average is 65% so we are still on a journey but we are travelling in the right direction.

School is not all about assessments; the Alfo Gazette is a great publication and gives parents, carers, and family members, a full picture of the variety of activities that go on throughout the year to provide the children with a broad and balanced curriculum. Please try to read it.

I became the Acting Chair of Governors on 3.4.19. I was asked, by the Local Authority, to join the Governing Body as part of the Local Authority Support Programme for the School, to develop the Governing Body and contribute to the Leadership and Management of the school.

We need more parent governors. Please give this plea to join us serious consideration; we need your help. We have high aspirations for the school at every level. Please email me at chairjg@live.co.uk to arrange to chat about what being a governor is like; I would love to hear from you. I have been a governor since 1996 and, whilst it requires work, it is rewarding. Please don't dismiss this idea!

Your support is appreciated; listening to your children read is vital and valuable, so please help us by doing this every day and in the holidays.

Have a happy and safe summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September. However, should you need any help over the holiday, please contact Mrs O'Connor via email on head@alfredstreet.northants-ecl.gov.uk.

Best wishes

Liz Carr-Archer

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Acting Chair of Governors

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