Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another academic year we would like to thank to Ms Scott and all of our teaching and non-teaching staff for their hard work and commitment this year. We also thank you for your continued support, FOCP for raising incredible amounts for the school through their various events, and the children for working hard and being such fantastic learners!

This year we have continued to hold our meetings in the classrooms and have enjoyed seeing the fantastic work on display. We have especially loved seeing the results of the new literacy scheme, including some fantastic poems and creative writing from the children. A huge thank you to FOCP for funding the books for the scheme.

During the year we’ve met with subject leaders and children, observed lessons, supported the Year 6 SATs, received training, and enjoyed the social events in school including sports day and the summer fayre. A huge thanks to all children that took part in Courtney’s Got Talent – they were all fantastic!

Thank you also to all of the staff involved in providing a huge variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities this year. It has been brilliant to see the many budding gardeners, muddy welly-walkers, expert Lego engineers, avid readers, and talented artists and singers all enjoying themselves!

Our Year 6s enjoyed their “leavers week” recently with some time away at camp which was extremely well deserved by both the children and Miss Ellison-Smith after the incredible effort they all put in to prepare for and complete SATs week. We wish all of our Year 6s the very best in their next adventure and hope they continue to work hard to achieve their goals.

The Governing Body comprises volunteers from staff, parents, and the local community. The core functions of the Governing Body are: Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the school; and overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent. The role of the Governing Body therefore is to provide a strategic view, be a critical friend and ensure accountability. We achieve this by meeting termly as a Full Governing Body, by forming sub-committees for Resources and the Curriculum, each of which meet three times a year, and by assigning individual Link-Governor roles which require us to come into school regularly to meet with teachers and children to discuss various subject areas.

If being a Governor or the clerk to the Governors is of interest, please contact any of the Governors, or the school office. You’d be joining a great team, gain a huge amount of really rewarding experience, whilst also giving back to the Courtney community. No experience necessary; training, support (and biscuits!) will be provided.

We hope that you all have a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you in September!

The Courtney Governing Body