Dear Parents and Carers,

I mirror Nicolas view of time flying and as we look forward to the summer holidays starting I wonder where the 1st half of this year has gone. I remember looking at holiday destinations in the depths of January behind closed curtains to shut out the winter weather, and now I am only a couple of weeks from the annual summer holiday.

Clearly Nicola and her staff have been once again very busy in their endeavours in not only delivering 1st rate teaching to your children, but also adding the extra-curricular activities that enrich the experience the children have whilst at Newport Church of England Junior School. These endeavours academically being recognised by the awarding of the Tribal Quality Mark for Standards of Teaching in Literacy and Numeracy. This involved a days inspection including interviews with parents, children, staff and leaders and observation of classroom practise. I am pleased to see the latest SAT results and thank the pupils and staff for the hard work and commitment which went in to achieving these results. I would like to thank all those involved, children, parents and staff.

The PTA continues to play their part in supporting the school and raising funds for those things which the school budget cannot stretch to. I add my thanks as Chair of Governors for the time and commitment Mrs Stacey (Chair) and Mrs Ingman (Secretary) have given to the school during their many years on the PTA.

As one of the longer serving governors I am delighted to see the investment in the school infrastructure over the coming months and I am sure we will all notice and appreciate the changes being made over the summer break. The work on the extension to provide three new classrooms, is due to start during the summer break with completion expected sometime early in 2020. This injection of funds and the completion of the refurbishment of the swimming pool, will provide a great learning environment for your children and those attending Newport Church of England School in the years to come.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the school for their support this year, your involvement and support make NJS a very special school. Have a Summer break where ever that may be.

Best wishes

Mr Lawrie Boardman

Chair of Governors