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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to our Autumn Governors newsletter. We wanted to keep you all up to date with a few changes within the Governing Body responsible for St James' CofE Junior school.

Firstly, a warm welcome to all the new Year 3 children and also their parents and carers. By all accounts, they appear to have settled in very well and we wish them all the best as they continue to integrate into the school for the next four years.

We would like to thank the following governors for their support and dedication to the school over the past few years. They have stepped down now after their period of service. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all they have done for the school (mostly unseen) over their term of office.

- Jeremy Gilmour                      Chair of Governors, on the Governing Body for 10 years
- Sue Richardson                      Chair of the Finance Committee, on the Governing Body for 5 years
- Margaret Goddard                      Chair of the Pupil Progress and Welfare Committee, on the Governing Body for 4 years

The initial period of service is 4 years for a governor, but as you can see, some of our Governors have given the school a lot longer service which we have really appreciated.

With these changes, as a Governing Body, we have made the following appointments. We welcome the following new Governors and look forward to working with them and yourselves over the next few years together:

- Vanessa Karlowksi                      Co-opted Governor
- Katrina Greggain                      Associate Governor

We have also made the following appointments at our first governing Body meeting of the year:

- Phil Bodman                              Chair of Governors
- Gillian Blaney                              Vice chair of Governors
- Rob Jackson                              Vice chair of Governors

We have decided to appoint two Vice Chairs to share the workload of the Chair so that we can work more effectively together.

We do trust that all the children have enjoyed their first half term of the 2017 / 18 school year. We wish them all the best throughout this school year. We are also very thankful for our dedicated staff in their care and enthusiasm for the children every day of school.

We look forward to the next half term as we move toward Christmas.

The Governors