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Report to parents and carers,

We are delighted to be celebrating the success of our first year as a Federation of 3 schools – preschool, infants and juniors. Our numbers remain good, although we have some spaces; there are 432 currently on roll but this number is always subject to change over the summer holidays. Locally more homes are being built and planned; the demand for school places will remain high and we hope to be the school of choice for many of the families.

Looking to the future we are aware that there is a significant SEND contingent in the Federation and the potential impact of lack of funding will be hard. There is also, of course, an impact on attainment overall but the staff, as usual, is working hard to cope with this.

The Federation has settled well with the new staffing structures and the new phase leaders have been able to facilitate co-operation across the schools through the Key Area Teams. The recent swop of teachers to different year groups epitomised our vision for the future and I was lucky enough to drop in to see what was going on. Some teachers seemed to be having more fun than usual! All this has helped the transition from Infants to juniors to flow very smoothly.

Hardly was the Federation under way, it seemed, when much of the energy of the board was consumed by preparations for the impending Ofsted visit to the Infants. This came at a time when most schools hope it will not – the week of Christmas performances! Our preparations served us well and a well prepared hit team of Governors swung into action! We genuinely believed that Parton Manor was, once again, a "Good" school and the inspectors agreed. This was a very satisfying time for us all – a Christmas bonus in fact. Thanks to the participation of the Governors in this process and we were deemed to be a very strong board.

The governors have continued to devote time to their own training. Much of the preparation for Ofsted involved getting to grips with data, not everyone's strong point, so we organised a very helpful evening training session and may well repeat it this coming academic year.

We also have a programme of online training courses and have started on those.

Our Governing Board remains strong, despite the loss of two governors this year. They both needed to have time to themselves and they certainly deserve it. We will miss their expertise and support but we know we can call on them if needed.

Our second year will see us indulging in self-evaluation, evaluation of the Federation and some strategic planning with Mr Preece and his team.

The Governors all feel very proud of Parton Manor Federation as we move into our second year.

Iola Garbett
Chair of Governors