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Dear parents and carers,

We have come to that time of year again, the summer letter! What a year it has been.

Mrs Lennon and the team have continued to provide a full, rounded education to the children in the face of Covid, changing priorities from government, another Ofsted inspection and a change in Prime Minister (almost)! The governing body is, as always, grateful for the hard work done by all to support and educate the children of Brighstone. I have heard lovely feedback from parents about the experiences children have had, and am confident that this will continue in the new school year.

Looking towards next year, alongside the changes to teaching staff and class structure, there will also be a change in the governing body. I have decided to step down as chair and as a governor. I am pleased to announce that Steve Fairclough has been elected as new chair, with Jane Thomson as his vice-chair. They are both experienced board members with an excellent understanding of the role of governor and of Brighstone Primary. Congratulations to both.

Some of you may have seen in recent editions of the Buzz that we are currently trying to recruit new board members. This is an important role that supports the school, which in turn supports our children in accessing the best education they can get. A governor's role is strategic to support the school in the following ways:

- Planning the strategic direction of the school
- Overseeing financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent
- Holding the headteacher or school leadership to account

If anyone is interested in finding out more about this, or knows someone who is, then please contact the school on 740285 or <u>office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk</u>

I wish you all the best for the summer.

Kind regards,

Janet Craig