

# Governor's Newsletter

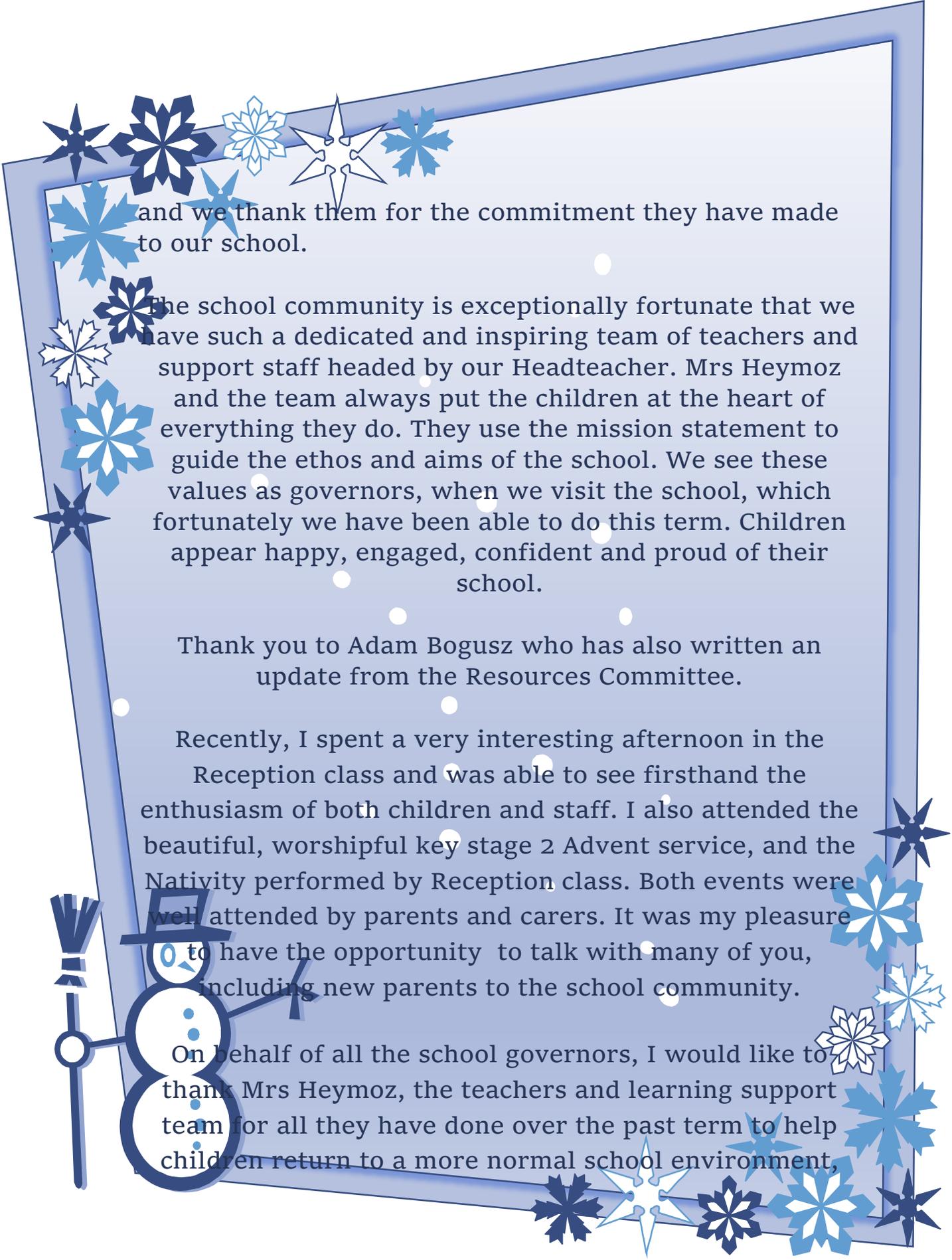
## Autumn Term 2021

Pope Paul Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents, Guardians and Grandparents,  
It is my pleasure to write to you as Chair of Governors. For those who do not know me know me, I have been a governor at Pope Paul School for the past 7 years. My experience in Early Years education as a now retired Nursery Manager drives my enthusiasm for outstanding Early Years education. I have one grandchild in the school and one who finished Year 6 this summer. In September this year, the board of governors elected me as Chair of Governors. This role comes with both challenge and reward.

Challenge, to ensure that as governors we both support and hold our school leaders to account during these extremely difficult times. Reward, when we see good outcomes for children and a rich and happy learning environment. However, it is my honour to be part of an extremely committed team of governors.

Each governor brings different experience, talent and skills to the team. This is something we continue to value. This term we have welcomed two new members to our team, Mrs Chris Masrogiacono and Mr Paul Devlin

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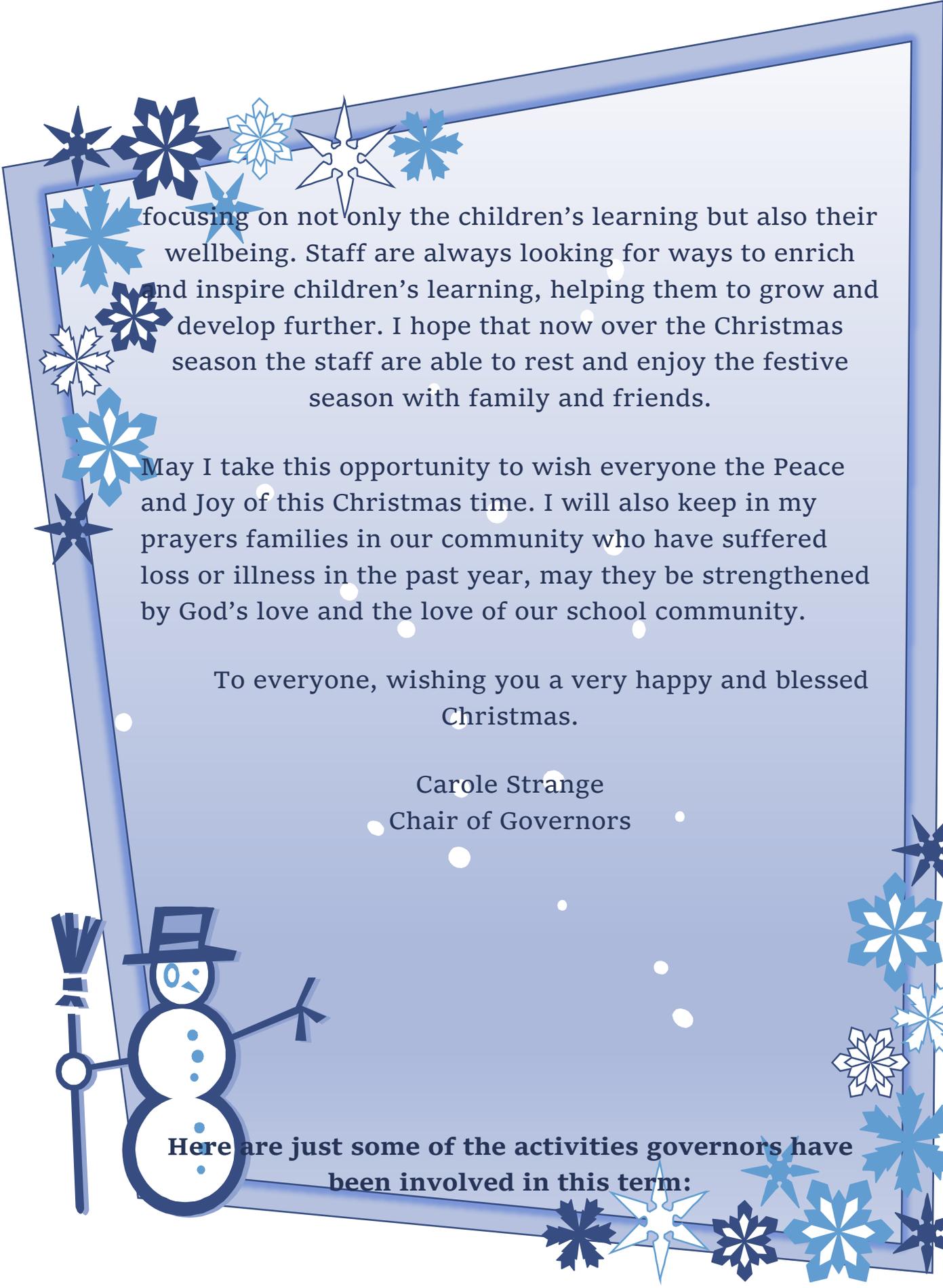
and we thank them for the commitment they have made to our school.

The school community is exceptionally fortunate that we have such a dedicated and inspiring team of teachers and support staff headed by our Headteacher. Mrs Heymoz and the team always put the children at the heart of everything they do. They use the mission statement to guide the ethos and aims of the school. We see these values as governors, when we visit the school, which fortunately we have been able to do this term. Children appear happy, engaged, confident and proud of their school.

Thank you to Adam Bogusz who has also written an update from the Resources Committee.

Recently, I spent a very interesting afternoon in the Reception class and was able to see firsthand the enthusiasm of both children and staff. I also attended the beautiful, worshipful key stage 2 Advent service, and the Nativity performed by Reception class. Both events were well attended by parents and carers. It was my pleasure to have the opportunity to talk with many of you, including new parents to the school community.

On behalf of all the school governors, I would like to thank Mrs Heymoz, the teachers and learning support team for all they have done over the past term to help children return to a more normal school environment,



focusing on not only the children's learning but also their wellbeing. Staff are always looking for ways to enrich and inspire children's learning, helping them to grow and develop further. I hope that now over the Christmas season the staff are able to rest and enjoy the festive season with family and friends.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone the Peace and Joy of this Christmas time. I will also keep in my prayers families in our community who have suffered loss or illness in the past year, may they be strengthened by God's love and the love of our school community.

To everyone, wishing you a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Carole Strange  
Chair of Governors



**Here are just some of the activities governors have been involved in this term:**

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- Inset day with staff (September 2021) looking at the academic year ahead.
  - Building the Kingdom – Course with Sr Jude
  - Governors’ visits including –EYFS, RSE, Wellbeing, Maths, Geography
  - Attending school services and celebrations
  - Governor Business meeting
  - FGB meetings
  - Sub-committee meetings
  - Governor Induction courses
  - Chair of Governor training course
  - Online subject courses
  - Health & Safety checks
  - Safe-guarding checks
  - Ofsted training

## **Building Matters**

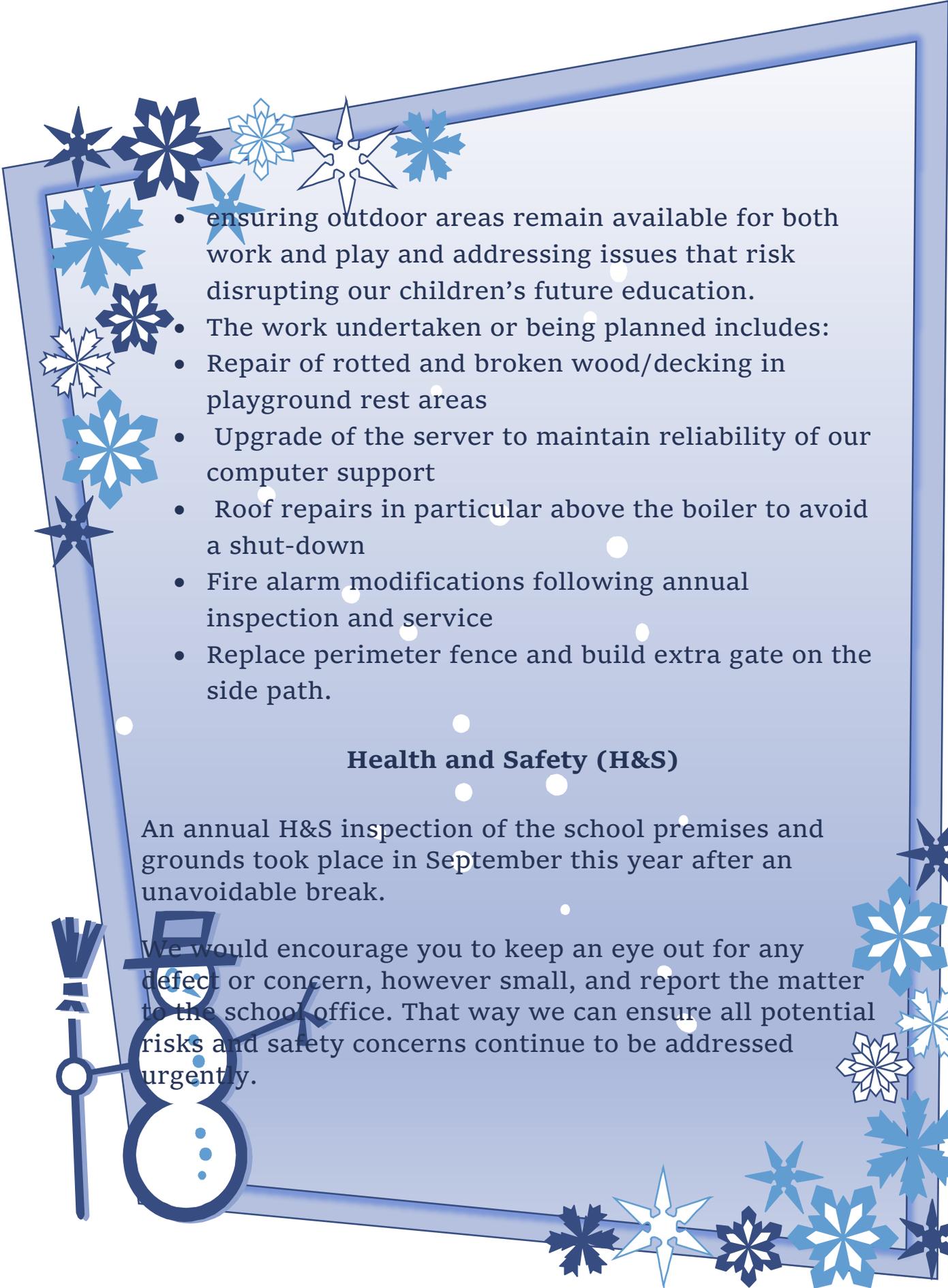
### **Remedial and Maintenance Work**

**Adam Bogusz**



We continue to fund routine work from our current school budget. In the current situation the focus of remedial work has altered somewhat.

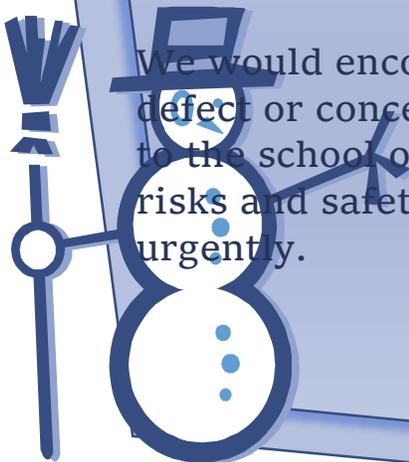
Our efforts have concentrated on:

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- ensuring outdoor areas remain available for both work and play and addressing issues that risk disrupting our children's future education.
  - The work undertaken or being planned includes:
    - Repair of rotted and broken wood/decking in playground rest areas
    - Upgrade of the server to maintain reliability of our computer support
    - Roof repairs in particular above the boiler to avoid a shut-down
    - Fire alarm modifications following annual inspection and service
    - Replace perimeter fence and build extra gate on the side path.

### **Health and Safety (H&S)**

An annual H&S inspection of the school premises and grounds took place in September this year after an unavoidable break.

We would encourage you to keep an eye out for any defect or concern, however small, and report the matter to the school office. That way we can ensure all potential risks and safety concerns continue to be addressed urgently.





## School Building Fund

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those parents who make voluntary contributions to the Governors School Building Fund. Many schools have a Governors voluntary fund which has helped raise much needed money to improve the quality of provision for all pupils. As I'm sure you're aware, this fund is more important than ever during the current Covid-19 situation to support our school.

If you are not currently making a contribution, and you'd like to, the school and governors would be hugely grateful. Please pay via schoolcomms.

Thank you. If you would like to find out any information about the Governors, please click this link to our Governors Page on the school website.

[Governors at Pope Paul School](#)



### POPE JOHN XXIII'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace.  
Amen.

