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Hi Everyone,

I know we say time flies but can you really believe we are two thirds of the way through another school year? I'm finding it very difficult! The Learn 2 Learn is going very well with eighty children being interviewed by teachers and governors to earn their skills badges. I must say it looks great in assembly to see all the sweatshirts with the badges on the sleeves. Well done to the children who have made such a good start and good luck to those who are working hard towards their awards. This year's interview with your child's teacher was different and the feedback has been very positive.

The Wildlife area is looking absolutely super thanks to the hard work of Mr Hill and his troop of eager workers, including those from the probationary services who have been coming in at the weekends to carry out the heavy work, our sincere thanks go to everyone.

As you know we lost our chickens a few weeks ago but we are looking at the possibility of having more as the children have gained so much from having them here in school.

This year our Residential trips are a bit different with lots of adventurous things for the children to take part in. Years 3/4 are going to Caythorpe Court and Years 5/6 are going to Plas Nantglyn in North Wales, we hope they all have a fantastic time and I can't wait to hear all about it on their return.

We thought you would like to know a little more about our newest parent Governor - Carrie was a Community Governor at Oakwood Infants School before joining us as in January 2008. She has been an active member of the Parents Forum from the outset, as well as helping with other initiatives in school. Carrie has a son in Year 4, and was a single parent for some years before getting married in October 2007.

Carrie balances her voluntary work with a full-time career. She was an RAF Officer for some years, and has since worked in Further and Higher Education, in Social Services and with offenders in the Prison Service. She is now the Director of the Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby. Carrie's interests include travel, the Arts and community cohesion and diversity work.

Have a great Summer Term everyone.

Kind regards

Pam Moss
Chair of Governors