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Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the Easter break having completed a very busy Spring Term. Easter is a time of hope and renewal, a time to celebrate triumph over travesty.

As such, I wish to thank everyone for your support as we continue to 'bounce back' from the pandemic. We have enjoyed many successes across all facets of school life including our collective work being validated by several very successful Ofsted inspections.

Several of our schools have either just changed, or are in the process of changing leadership. I am delighted that five of our newly appointed headteachers have secured promotion to headship from within the WeST family.

In summary:

Buckfastleigh Primary School	Mrs Laurie Archer
Egguckland Community College	Ms Heather Lilley
Oreston Community Academy	Mrs Amy Chivers
Plympton St Maurice Primary School	Mr Chris Rickard
Plymstock School	Mr Alan Yendell
Woodlands Park Primary School	Mrs Eve Vollans

I am sure you will join me in wishing them, and their schools, every success.

The eagle eyed amongst you will note that Chris Rickard will be taking up a permanent post at Plympton St Maurice Primary School which means that we are now starting the arrangements for securing the future leadership of Holbeton Primary School. I will update on this matter in the Summer Term.

You will be aware that from the start of the Spring Term we adopted a new model of governance. Our new Hub Advisory Board (HAB) governance model

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is now fully operational, building on the critical work of our previous Local Governing Boards. The first round of HAB meetings have taken place, along with numerous visits by HAB members to schools. The initial meeting between HAB chairs, Chair of Trustees and myself have presented the opportunity for rich discussions around the concerns raised in HAB meetings. We look forward to developing this essential two-way dialogue and seeing the impact of this model on our schools. WeST strives to ensure that all school communities are represented on our Hub Advisory Boards. We encourage you to check your headteachers' newsletter to find out about upcoming vacancies on your local HAB.

Before I close, I must take this opportunity to promote the strong attendance of every child in our schools. For each and every child to benefit from the blend of education in which we believe, they need to be in our classrooms every day.

May this Easter bring you and your family peace, joy and hope for the future.

Best wishes



Rob Haring
Chief Executive Officer