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# Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I feel I have said it all before in the last few newsletters so I will let Cathy, our Chair of Governors, say it again below along with some exciting news for next year! It's in times of a crisis that a team is really tested and I think we can all head into the summer holidays knowing that we all gave our very best to make the term a success. What we have achieved is testament to the strength of our community and the resilience of our children and I think we should all feel proud. I look forward to seeing you all in September and let's hope for some degree of normality; we promise to keep you up to date with our plans. As for those of you leaving us remember our doors are always open to you, even if we have to keep our 2mtr distance and we would love to hear how you are getting on with your new adventures in your new schools, bye for now have a great summer.

Mr L Gardiner

It's fair to say that this is not how we expected this school year to end; usually I stand up at the end of a magnificent school production and thank everyone for another great year but on this occasion that was not meant to be. Coronavirus certainly took us by surprise, however I am so proud of how everyone responded; huge thanks are due to all of you for taking on the challenge of home schooling and doing such a fantastic job. Thank you also for helping to make the process of returning to school as straightforward as possible in the circumstances.

On behalf of you all I would also like to thank the staff for their efforts to maintain some form of routine and structure for the children throughout lockdown and when the school reopened. Also to those members of staff who provided care for the children of key workers, I hope that we will never have to re-live these times and thank you all for your willingness to come into school despite your very natural fears. We are so lucky to have such a committed and professional team of staff, I really can't thank you all enough. It's not often that the Governors are singled out for praise however they have all been so supportive throughout the pandemic, particularly when Mr G suffered his accident, and I would like to thank them too for their commitment and sage advice.

The restrictions are lifting and "normality" is returning and we were delighted to hear that our campaign to replace the Elliot hut has finally been successful after many years of lobbying. The building arrived in 1985, second hand, and was intended as a stop-gap for 18 months. 35 years and hundreds of children later it is finally being retired - fantastic news for the end of a strange year!

Sadly, we didn't get to give the Year 6s their usual farewell; good luck to them all at their new schools and thank you to each and every child for their hard work and adaptability during lockdown - you have all been superstars! I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September. Take care.

Cathy Woolcock (Chair of Governors)