

I write to you on behalf of the governing body at the end of another academic year.

It was fantastic to finally get the children back in school for a full Summer term. We are so fortunate to have the grounds and surroundings here at New Scotland Hill. They compliment both the desire for outdoor learning and the need for extra ventilation.

It has however been a challenging term and we thank you and your children for your continued efforts and enthusiasm. We really appreciate the way you have risen to this challenge, supported the school and followed all the Covid guidelines.

Hopefully with the easing of restrictions next term, things will feel much more normal. As governors we are aware that in September it will take time and patience to help pupils to continue catching up with their progress but also to continue catching up on developing their confidence, social skills and wellbeing.

I am pleased to report that through the medium of Microsoft Teams the governors were able to meet throughout the term and continued our programme of governing the conduct of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement. I offer my personal gratitude for the time and effort governors spent in this voluntary role.

We are really pleased to have been able to appoint a new parent governor who will take up office in September. We are still looking to appoint a further parent governor in the Autumn term so please let the school office know if this potentially interests you.

Thank you to the PTA for continuing to 'think outside of the box' and still raising significant essential funds without the traditional community events.

Thank you to the head, the teachers and all the supporting staff for the effort that has been spent on delivering the curriculum under such testing circumstances.

And to the goodbyes . . . We have to say thank you and good luck to several members of staff who are sadly leaving us at the end of this term. The governing body thank each of you and wish you every happiness and success in all that you do in the future.

We say farewell to all our Year 6 Pupils. We know that it was not the 'normal' end of year you originally expected but we hope you have really enjoyed your time with us here at New Scotland Hill and wish you all the very best in your next stage of your educational journey.

Goodbye as well to the parents who are leaving us for the last time this week. Thank you for the support that you have given to the school during your time with us.

It just remains for me to say that I hope you all have a great summer.

Darren Abbott
Chair of Governors