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THE GREYSBROOKE SCHOOL GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER – JULY 2020



It's a wrap!

In most cases, your 14 weeks (yes 14 weeks) of home schooling comes to an end this week, and Greysbrooke will close its doors to children for the first time since February half term. What a year so far!

As the summer holidays approach, we wanted to take the opportunity to update you on a few things and share some information from the governing body.

Firstly, we are delighted that as things currently stand, Greysbrooke will be able to **re-open to all children on the 2nd September!** Yes, things are going to be a little bit different, and there will inevitably be some new rules, restrictions, staggered start and finish times, and lots of extra hand washing, but we are working with Mrs Ballinger and the team, and following the government guidelines to ensure as seamless and pleasant a start to the next academic year as possible.

Mrs Ballinger will update you during the summer holidays with any specific information about additional changes which may impact you and your children, but rest-assured, we will be doing everything possible to keep everyone safe, well and in school!

Secondly, an update on our application to join the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership (ALTP). Obviously due to Covid-19, the process has been a little slower than anticipated, but as governors we have been working hard behind the scenes completing all the due diligence paperwork, and are hoping to be formally accepted imminently. Upon acceptance, there are various legal formalities to be completed, so we envisage that our official conversion is likely to be towards the end of this year, ready for January 2021.

The good news is that the ATLP have been actively supporting Mrs Ballinger and the team throughout this most unusual period, and have treated us as part of the trust, even though the technicalities of the membership are yet to be completed. Their support and guidance has proved invaluable, and has given us great confidence that we made the right choice to join them. We are all very excited for the future and the benefits joining the ATLP will bring to the school.

Finally, we'd like to express our enormous thanks to Mrs Ballinger and the Greysbrooke staff. This year has certainly been a baptism of fire for our new head teacher, but we're sure you'll agree that she has more than risen to the challenge, supported by the fantastic, dedicated team around her.

Thanks must also go to you and your children, who have consistently embraced new ways of learning and challenging circumstances with positivity and enthusiasm. We are blessed to have such a supportive school community.

Have a safe, healthy and relaxing summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Take care all,

THE GREYSBROOKE GOVERNORS

We say hello!

Welcome to the team **Miss Berrow!** We wish you lots of luck and happiness during your year at Greysbrooke with our lovely Y4 class.

We say goodbye!

Goodbye and good luck to our wonderful **Y6 class.** We're sorry you didn't quite have the end to your time at Greysbrooke that you all deserved, but we wish you lots of success and happiness at your new schools. Be fabulous!

