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Governors' End of Term letter Summer 2023

Dear Parents,

The year of settled normal attendance patterns which we hoped for to allow us to fully develop the children's planned learning experiences and allow all aspects of school life to return to normal has been slightly impacted upon by snow closures and the ongoing industrial actions. The school did manage to provide child support during the strikes however thanks to the good will of the staff. Despite these interruptions to learning our children have done well in both the KS1 and KS2 tests achieving above national average in EYFS results, in line with national results at KS1 and above national results for reading, writing and maths at KS2. In addition our in house testing shows that despite the interruptions our children have responded to our recovery programme well. Measures that had been put in place to allow us to address some areas such as writing skills which needed strengthening are working. The maths programme we introduced has now worked its way through all years and shows strong results in maths across all years.

As we said at Easter the impact of COVID is still being addressed and the continued mental well-being of the children is being monitored. Recent articles have again reflected on the effects of this on national school attendance figures and children lost to learning. I'm pleased to say our overall attendance figures remain good with no children lost to learning.

The Governing Bodies shortage of a Foundation Governor is being filled with the new Governor hopefully joining us in September. However Jill Rallings will be leaving the Governing Body this summer and she will be missed for the expertise she brought to the EYFS. On the topic of Ofsted we are still due an inspection and we are preparing ourselves and the school in a positive way to receive this. The school web site is being continually updated and checked but we would welcome any feedback from you about it.

Financially as stated in the Easter letter our budget will allow us to maintain staffing at the present level but the coming years may be challenging. Recruitment of children to both the nursery and all the other school years is important. Please spread the word about what a good school we are for your children. On that note we wish all our Year 6 leavers every success in the next stage of their educational journey.

Again thanks especially to all the school staff, volunteers, Corvedale School Association and Governors for all the hard work and dedication they put into making the school a successful and happy place for the children. Have a good 6 weeks holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Dave Hedgley
Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body.