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Governor Newsletter - Summer Term

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Welcome to the Great Milton School - Summer Term - Governor Newsletter

Stay Safe, Stay Well and Enjoy the Summer Break!

Governor News

We are all looking forward to returning to some sort of new normal in September. We are reviewing our aims and will be sharing these with you at the end of September. We will also be re starting our regular governor visits and will be focusing on pupil well being and progress in the first term.

A note for Bus Users - Thank you all for adhering to the bus users agreement and we were pleased that the bus user arrangements were running smoothly before we went into lockdown. We aim to hold a Bus Users Meeting early in September, so that we can renew our bus user agreements and update you all on any restrictions due to COVID19. As yet we do not know what transports plans and Risk Assessments are and this has been very tricky to navigate under the current circumstances. COVID19 is proving to be a very fluid situation and is likely to change throughout the year. We will endeavour to keep you up to date with this as soon as we know more.

Welcome

Although the end of the year is flooded with goodbyes, it is also a time to welcome our new cohort of Elf Owls, who join us in September.

Although you have not been able to experience the usual transition, we would like to warmly *WELCOME* you to our school family. I hope you have all found the information on the website under the Owllet's tab useful. If you have not seen it yet please go to - <https://www.gmilton.org/owllets/> to find out useful information! *Thank you Mrs Bennett* for setting this up!

We as governors hope to meet you all soon and look forward to seeing your journey through primary school.

School Uniform

Please do remember to look at the school uniform website <http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php> New PE kits have been added and also the lovely school reversible coats too.



Letter from The Chair

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a year! Firstly I hope that you are all well and that during this disruptive period of lockdown you have all remained safe and well.

As governors we are thrilled with the plans school leaders made to ensure that every child had the opportunity to return to school. It is vital for children to reconnect with their friends and teachers and for them all to regain some routine.

As parents, me included, the struggle of home schooling was tough, especially as we were all working from home and on top of all of our other household and life commitments. However Great Milton School really did their best to support us all through this time via the website with all the work that was set, the videos and the welfare calls. I know many other parents, whose children attend other schools were using the work set by Great Milton Teachers too, which was lovely to hear.

As we move on to September there will be a period of readjustment for us all. The plans for most staff to move up with their class is reassuring for our children and their development. The teachers will know the children well and as Mrs Frost said in her letter it is their super power to enable all children to continue their learning journey, re visit any work that they found difficult and support them back into school life and learning. For those who have a new teacher, please be reassured that transition visits and handovers are already in place. One positive of COVID19 is that teachers have worked with a variety of pupils since March so some of these transitions are a little easier.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and sunny Holiday,

Best Wishes, *Debbie Ball*



The BIG SPEND

We have been planning a *BIG SPEND* to improve our Elf Owls outdoor area for a couple of years now. We are thrilled to report that this is taking place over the summer holidays. We are grateful for all the hard work of FoGMS because some of the monies raised by them is contributing to this fabulous enhancement to our outdoor learning space.

If you wish to be involved in FoGMS please contact contactfogms@gmail.com This committee work extremely hard to raise additional and much needed funds for our school and while doing so, hold amazing social events for both adults and children to enjoy.

Great Milton School Governors

Name	Committee
Alyson Frost Headteacher	ALL
Debbie Ball Parent Governor - Chair	Pupils - EYFS Governor
Louise Simpson Parent Governor - Vice Chair	Resources
Reverend Simon Cronk Foundation Governor	Personnel
Charlotte Stewart Local Authority Governor	Pupils Chair, SEN and PP Governor
Alison Wheeler Co-opted Governor	Resources H&S Governor
Morgan Lloyd Co-opted Governor	Resources - GDPR
Lara Patel Co-opted Governor	Pupils - Safeguarding
Natasha Groves Co-opted Governor	Yet to be assigned to a committee
Sue Green Staff Governor	Pupils
Katherine Richardson	Clerk

FGB meeting minutes are kept in the school office and are available for you to see on request.

Please find a copy of this on the website:

<https://www.gmilton.org>

Click on Governance tab. Contact us on

chair@gmilton.org

Year 6

We are at the time of the year when we say goodbye to our Year 6 class. This group of children have missed out on their end of term play and their residential too, as well as the opportunity to show off their learning in the way of Sats (some might be pleased about that!) However they have all shown maturity, flexibility and resilience, which are key life skills, in dealing with this very unusual situation of COVID 19.

We know that they have enjoyed some end of primary fun, such as sharing pizzas, receiving hoodies, and having an outdoor leavers assembly, which I had the pleasure to attend. They also made sure they enjoyed the ever famous end of term water fight too!

Please look out for their end of term video, which will be on the website ASAP.

We wish all of our year 6 children the very best of luck in their onward journey and thank them for being such amazing characters and role models within our school.

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS!

Firstly we would like to *Congratulate* Miss MacDonald on successfully passing her NQT year! Miss McDonald has worked in Tawny Owls this year and has brought an abundance of energy to the class and the school. We wish you every success with your teaching career!

Last but by no means least, we want to pass on our *heartfelt thanks to Mrs Frost, the school leaders and every single member of staff* for all their hard work this year and especially during this very disruptive time. You managed to keep the school open from February to the end of July, through holidays and bank holidays and each and every one of you have been flexible in order to support our school community and in fact families from other schools too *YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING!*

Thank you all

We hope that you all have a lovely summer break, stay safe and well. Best wishes from all the

Governors



