



Local Governing Board

Newsletter



Braybrook Primary Academy

July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this very unusual school year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the whole school community for pulling together during this Covid-19 Pandemic.



Firstly, I would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to Miss Green, for leading the school with such care and clarity during these difficult few months and this strange academic year. The wellbeing of our school community has been her top priority throughout the Covid-19 outbreak, and she has needed to make important decisions based upon rapidly changing information and guidance, particularly during the peak of the pandemic and through the recent phased re-opening of the school. At no point has the school been fully closed, and Miss Green, with the support of the Senior Leadership Team and the Diamond Trust, has managed the onsite provision for children of key workers while also needing to update and reassure

parents, children and staff about the ongoing situation. I have been in frequent contact with her during these weeks and months and I know how relentlessly hard she has worked to ensure that safe decisions have been made for our school community, at every point in line with the Government guidance. Thank you, Miss Green, for everything you have done to keep us safe during the last year, during this very odd and strange year! We are very lucky to have you as our Headteacher.

It goes without saying that we have only been able to keep the school open, and provide continuing education for our children, through the hard work and commitment from our staff team. I would like to say a huge thank you to them all, as they have worked incredibly hard to provide the home learning materials for children during the period of lockdown, as well as ensuring that the school could stay open for children of key workers and now, during bubble bursts. They have been able to keep our school safe and clean, due to the care of our office and facilities staff who have been in every day to open the site and ensure that staff and children in school have had a clean and safe environment. They have been able to keep everyone safe during the renovation of the school roof. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment - you are an incredible team.

I know that the start of 2020 was challenging for families and I would like to recognise the hard work of parents and carers in trying to support and supervise children's learning while at home. It has been an anxious time for parents and carers, many of whom may have needed to shield or isolate while also balancing their own worries

about Coronavirus with the usual demands of family life. Many families have been maintaining employment under difficult and uncertain circumstances, or working entirely from home while also trying to support children with learning. Within my role as Chair, I have seen our Remote Learning plan and am really proud of all the hard work everyone has done - it was great to see all the home learning packs and to know how well Braybrook Primary Academy supports its pupils with the aid of loan equipment to access learning. It's good to see the great work you have posted via Class Dojo.



Despite these challenges, I have seen on social media and heard from staff at school how parents have been able to support children's learning, and I'd like to reassure you that all children, whatever their experiences have been, were helped to transition back into school in March to achieve successes in their learning throughout the summer term.

The end of the Summer Term often means that we need to say 'goodbye' to staff who are leaving Braybrook Primary Academy. Leaving us this term is Miss Bloomfield, Yr 6 Class Teacher, who is moving to a school and becoming part of their leadership team. Thank you, Miss Bloomfield, for all the support you have offered to children and families over the last four years. I hope you have the opportunity to relax over the summer holiday before your new role. Good Luck, you will be missed!



Goodbye & Good Luck Year 6



Finally, we are saying farewell to all of our Year 6 children, who are leaving for secondary school at the end of this term. I expect that for some Year 6 children, the end to your time at Braybrook Primary has been strange and not what you imagined or hoped for. But exciting times lie ahead for you all, I'm sure. Good luck! You will be great. Remember to 'Reach for the stars!' You will be missed by the Braybrook Family.

As we look ahead to the summer holidays, I would like to end by once again thanking you all for supporting the children at our school through the challenges of the recent months. I look forward to working together with you again next term, and I wish you all a safe and restful holiday.

Stay safe

Very best wishes,

Toni Glendenning & the Local Governing Board

