23rd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well.

As we reach the end of the first half term, I wanted to take this opportunity on behalf of the governing body, to say a huge thank you to the fantastic staff team we have across the three schools who have worked tirelessly to settle our children back into school life and to minimise the impact of any changes to their time at school.  The additional challenges faced by our staff over recent months really cannot be underestimated and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all a very restful half term break.

Thank you also to you all as parents and carers for the support you have shown the schools particularly in relation to the Covid measures which have had to be implemented.  Our children have been amazingly adaptable and resilient throughout and it has been wonderful to see the schools thriving during this period of 'new normal'.

As you may already know, at the first local governing body meeting of the school year, I was appointed Chair of Governors and Rebecca Deniff was appointed to the role of Vice-Chair.  We are very much looking forward to working together to support the schools over the forthcoming academic year. The board is also very pleased to have welcomed Mark Hollingworth as a new co-opted governor.  Mark brings with him vast amounts of relevant and valuable professional experience and is a very active member of the Glaisdale community. All members of the governing body regularly give up significant amounts of their time on a voluntary basis and the contribution they make to the development and performance of our schools is huge.  There are some limitations this year on how frequently governors can visit the schools but I can assure you that monitoring activities will still be carried out both in-person and virtually to enable us to undertake our duties as effectively and safely as possible.

Wishing you and your children a very happy half term.

Best wishes,

Jo Kevan

Chair of Governors