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Friday 25th June 2021

Dear Parents,

Changes at Twiss Green

You will see from the letterhead that we have a new chair of governors - she is Mrs Liz Davis (mum of Ella in Year 1). I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Andrea Buchannan for all her hard work as Chair of the Finance Committee for the last few years and more recently as joint chair with Mrs Davis. I know that all members of the Governing Body were sad to hear that she had decided to step down at the end of May – she will be greatly missed.

We have recently welcomed two members of staff to the team. The first is Mrs Rachelle Truelove who is working as a TA in Year 1 this term to provide additional support for our children. The second is Miss Sian Dunwell who will take over from Miss Alayan in Year 4 in September. Miss Dunwell has joined us a little earlier than anticipated providing cover for Mrs Puckey, who is going to be away from school for a few weeks.

Miss Jo Dunn continues to work as our SEN HLTA and can be contacted by email at jdunn@twissgreen.net whilst Mrs Puckey is away from school.

Arrangements for September

Officially, my role as headteacher at Twiss Green comes to an end on Tuesday 31st August. The summer term has been a very strange one for me because a lot of decisions have been made about the future direction of the school by the Governing Body and the Local Authority, but I have not been involved in most of those meetings. I can assure you, however, that a letter will be sent to all our families on Friday of next week informing parents about the decisions that have been made so that you have a very clear idea about what will be in place in September.

Lockdown

I'm sure the majority of you were disappointed when the 4th phase of the roadmap out of lockdown was postponed until 19th July. I had been hoping to re-start the School Choir after the half-term break, with a view to putting on

the usual Summer Concert at the end of term. Obviously this will not be going ahead now. I understand that the Year 6 Leavers' Party has also been re-arranged. We are very hopeful that the planned visit for Year 6 to the Conwy Adventure Parc, Snowdonia, will go ahead on 2nd July – but will be keeping our eyes peeled for further updates.

Headteacher's fall from grace

Some of you will know that I have always been a big fan of outdoor and adventurous holidays and have been on a number of exciting trekking, sailing and cycling adventures over the years. During half-term I set myself the challenge of completing the Yorkshire Three Peaks. Unfortunately, I only completed one (Pen-y-Ghent) and was well on the way to the second peak (Wharfedale) when I tripped on a relatively flat section of gravel pathway. Despite landing on my face, I managed to break my left wrist and right elbow. I spent four days in Airedale General Hospital and a further two weeks recovering at home. I returned to work on Monday of this week and it has to be said, that seeing the children (and the staff too) lifted my spirits immensely. I am still in quite a lot of pain and feeling quite fragile which is why I haven't, as yet, taken up my gate duties. I look forward to doing that again before too long.

Yours faithfully,

LA McGann

