



Governor's End of Term Letter Easter 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a busy term in regards to movement in posts of responsibility within the school. As stated in our Christmas letter, Mr Morris took over as acting Headteacher at the start of term with Mrs Rook as lead teacher on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This arrangement has worked very well, and we would like to thank both of them for the work that they have put in and for their enthusiastic endorsement of closer working between both schools. The successful appointment of Mrs Rook to be Headteacher from the start of next term on April 13th after a very rigorous interview process was well received by staff, pupils and parents and as Governors we were delighted with the strong field of applicants we had to choose from. Mrs Rook's appointment was welcomed by Mr Morris who acknowledged how well they worked together, and it bodes well for future collaboration between the schools.

The appointment of Mrs Rook as Headteacher meant that she had to relinquish her position as Staff Governor and a replacement for her was advertised in school amongst the staff. Two nursery staff put their names forward: Gemma Morgan and Lucy Hassell. It has been agreed that Lucy will be the Staff Governor initially and Gemma will join the Governing Body as an Associate Governor. They will exchange places after 12 months and regularly throughout their 3 year term of office. Other than the right to vote in Full Governor Meetings (3 a year) the posts hold no difference, and they will make a strong addition to the Governing Body.

We also, as previously stated, sadly lost the services of Jo Williams as a Parent Governor and advertised for a replacement Parent Governor. Again, we had two applicants Abby Morris and Lottie Jones. Richard Griffiths, who had been co-opted as Parent Governor when no-one applied last time, had indicated that due to pressure of work he would be happy to step aside if two good candidates came forward so it was agreed that he would, negating the need for an election. In these circumstances both Abby and Lottie will join the Governing Body after the Induction Process next term. I would like to thank Richard for all the work that he put in and for his unselfish decision to step down. The views he expressed were always sensible, balanced and he was never afraid to express them and his kind words to us on leaving regarding thanking all of the governing body for the warm welcome he received and for the excellent work we do for the school.



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We were sorry to lose the services of Cath Davies last term due to illness and wish her a speedy return. We were lucky to find a very good stand in supply Teaching Assistant in Richard Egerton and it has been agreed to change his placement to a fixed term TA contract until the end of the summer term. We are also sorry to be losing the services of Mary Ulyatt our lunchtime supervisor who has given us years of loyal service and looked after the welfare of the children at lunchtimes. The daily life of the school has carried on as normal this term with investigations continuing on how to upgrade our flood defences and major sustainability work due over the summer holidays.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Governors for the unstinting work they've put in, to thank Corvedale School Association (CSA) for their continued work and to thank the Millichope Foundation for providing much-needed extra financial support. The work and dedication of all the school staff, especially this term, is really appreciated and has demonstrated their strength. Have a good Easter break and keep safe and well.

David Hedgley

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing body.