

Thank you from the Governors of Chapmanslade School February 2021.

We hope that this finds you and your loved ones well in these continuously challenging times. On behalf of the Governors at Chapmanslade, I would like to thank all parents for everything they have done and are doing to support their children in their learning over the last year and particularly since the beginning of January. We would also like to thank you for all the support you have been giving Mrs. Chapman and her staff during these difficult times.

With parents as Governors to remind us and as parents and grandparents on the Governing Board, we really do understand that juggling home learning with working at home or working in critical roles has been a huge ask of all parents. Please do take time over the Half term break to congratulate yourselves on what you have achieved, whether it is keeping heads down and achieving all the tasks set for 3 or 4 hours of the day or whether it is small blocks of 10 minute, tasks, or even whether it is just taking time to play with and enjoy time with your children. Juggling multiple tasks must be high on the list of all your skill sets.

Time spent with your children is always precious and all that you are able to do will make a difference to enabling the children to pick up and move on when they are able to return to school.

For those of you who are also key workers we would like to thank you for taking on the Government message of keeping your children at home and accessing remote learning if you can. This has helped to keep the number of children in school down, has enabled pupils of other key workers to access provision and ensured that pupils and staff in school remain as safe as possible.

As Governors one of our roles is to monitor the provision for pupils and how this, impacts on their progress. We know that remote learning has brought many challenges to staff and parents in all schools, and are aware that the Chapmanslade team have worked hard to ensure that the provision is in line with the planned and expected learning and that the technology required is in place to support parents, pupils, and staff. Please do take time over the half term to recognise and praise yourselves for all you and the children have been able to achieve

We would also like to thank all of the children for their enthusiasm and engagement in all that is asked of them and in their commitment to their own learning. On a personal note, I would also like to thank all the children who took part in suggesting new names for the new roads on the planned new development, on land previously owned by Barthers Farm. Their suggestions were well received by the Parish Council and they will shortly be told which names have been chosen, and have been sent to the developers and Wiltshire Council.

It is very easy in the midst of our own anxieties to forget that teachers and those working in schools are equally anxious for their own families, old and young, that they can also be unwell and are taking on challenges in the way in which they are working, which they could have never expected to do, when they first took on their roles. We are sure that you will want to join with us in thanking them for all the care and support they give to you and your children and for making Chapmanslade School such a very special provision within the community.

I hope that we will soon see the return of children to school and a steady but sure safe move away from the difficulties that Covid has thrust upon us all.

Minnie House  
Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body.