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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Kirkbride Primary School for the Autumn term.

Over the last 18 months we have all faced many challenges, changes to our daily life and most importantly, the education of our children. Hopefully we can look forward and continue returning to a bit of normality within school.

During our Summer break, there has been slight change within the Board of Governors at Kirkbride Primary School, where I have taken up the position as Chair of the Board from Karen Rudd.

Karen had completed her term as Chair, and on behalf of the Staff and Governors I would like to convey a huge thank you to her for her time and dedication over the last 4 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I was brought up in Kirkbride and attended both the Old Primary School, moving to the new Primary School when it opened in 1977. I have family living in the village and although I moved from Kirkbride a number of years ago to live nearby, Kirkbride has always been the place I refer to as my 'home village'. Throughout the 4 years that I have been a Governor at Kirkbride School, I have learned a great deal from both Staff and Governors alike. We all have a passion for working together, to achieve and maintain high standards for the education of our pupils.

Other important news is that our Headteacher, Mrs Maxwell will be leaving the school to take up a new position as Head at Thomlinson Junior School after the New Year. I feel I speak on behalf of all Governors, Staff, Students, Parents and the Community as a whole, to wish her every success in her new role, she will be sorely missed at our School. There is currently a recruitment process taking place to appoint a new Headteacher. Ideally this will enable a smooth transition. This is a confidential process and as soon as we are able, we will inform you of the outcome.

There are also two Community Governor vacancies. I didn't know exactly what this entailed when I first enquired. We all have something different to bring to the Board, from being parents, teachers, having particular skills, or like me, I was co-opted from the local community. No particular qualifications or requirements are necessary to volunteer for this role except to be enthusiastic and have a desire to make a positive contribution to children's education and the local communities. I have found it very rewarding and training can be provided if required. If you would like to find out more, then please contact one of us (all Governor details are on the School website, or read the attached Governor Information Booklet.)

Finally, thank you all for your cooperation and understanding over the last 18 months. Working together will ensure continued success of Kirkbride School

Kind Regards

Janice Hedworth
Chair of Governors



