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Governor's Newsletter.

Welcome to the Summer Issue of your Montalbo Nursery and Primary School Governor's Newsletter. We hope you will agree that this year has been very unusual – not one we expected in September!

Governors would like to thank the whole school community for the way that everyone has pulled together in these unusual times to ensure that children have had access to the best possible education they can. I know a lot of time and hard work has been put into ensuring all children and members of staff are safe, following all government guidelines. Staff have worked without a break since March, providing key worker children with a safe, fun place to be whilst maintaining meaningful contact with those being schooled at home.

Governors have continued to provide strategic leadership and be held accountable by staff, parents, carers and pupils. We have met regularly to ensure the most effective structures are in place and confirm compliance with statutory requirements in addition to evaluating our effectiveness as a group.

Governor Activity has included:

- Continuing to meet (virtually) as a governing body to carry out the business of the school.
- Setting up a working party to implement government guidance for COVID-19. This included reviewing risk assessments and procedures.
- Attending virtual training sessions.
- Governors have continued to carry out monitoring of the school – albeit remotely.
- Involvement in the recruitment of a new member of staff.

Governors have produced an information leaflet so that parents and carers can learn more about them and their supporting roles in school. This can be accessed through the governance page on the school website (<http://www.montalbo.durham.sch.uk/about-us/our-governing-body/>). You are also able to access all governor information, terms of reference, attendance at meetings, yearly governance statement and 3 year strategic plan through this link.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very restful summer and to thank all our wonderful staff for their hard work in the lead up to the holidays.

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