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**LUDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**

Once again this has been a strange year for the school with the continued presence of Covid19 hanging over us.

For the summer term the children remained in their bubbles with staggered times for arrival and leaving and separate play and dinner times. Whole school assemblies were carried out over zoom with many unexpected things happening, like the children seeing but not hearing the Headteacher or the other way round. Singing was not allowed, doors and windows remained wide open and hand washing and sanitising remained part of the normal routine.

A big thanks has to be said to all the staff for making sure things went smoothly and was as normal as possible and that the school continued to feel safe and welcoming for the children and their parents.

Governors met as normal, under covid restrictions, to ensure that the staff and headteacher were supported with the day to day running of the school.

In the Autumn term we returned to a normal school day. All children arrived and left at the same time, play and lunch went back to normal and full school assemblies were allowed again. Visitors and school helpers were still unable to come to school but it began to feel more like normal.

Late in the autumn term the school had its first major outbreak of covid which culminated in the cancellation of our annual Carol concert, and school plays for the parents to attend. The staff recorded these and put them on the school dojo for parents to watch. Parties took place in class rooms rather than together in the hall and Father Christmas kindly left presents for all the children even if he did have to obey the rules and not come inside.

It was with regret that the governors received the resignation of the head teacher Mr. Moore who decided that it was time to leave us. The governors spent much time deliberating and discussing the way forward and interviews were held over 2 days in October. The governors were pleased to offer the position to Mrs. Andrea Goreham who took up post in January 2022.

Mrs Goreham joined us at the beginning of the spring term and has brought new ideas and a fresh outlook to the school. With children and staff still catching covid it has been a challenging start to a new career.

With the return of SAT’s and the children going on trips and visits it is hoped that normal school has resumed. Members of the school choir sang in the ‘Young Voices’ choir at the O2 arena in March, which was a great experience for them and other classes have been out on visits linked to their curriculum subjects.

The Governing board has also had changes with new parent and co-opted governors being appointed.