



25th June 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

At the end of an exceptional year, I would like to pass on my sincere thank you to all of you. Mums, dads, grans, grandads, aunts, uncles, child minders and to our pupils, you have all been amazing throughout this school session. Despite the challenges of lockdown, the fears and worries that the pandemic has brought, your children, who we feel so privileged to also call **our** children, have shown themselves to be resilient and brave, funny and hardworking, loving and kind.

As staff in this school, we couldn't ask for a better community to be a part of in St Thomas' Primary in Neilston. I hope you know, feel and realise how much we all absolutely love working to serve you and your children. It is a pleasure to work with you to support our children to reach their full potential.

Throughout this pandemic and with increased restrictions placed upon schools, our collective focus has been safety, whilst being relentless in ensuring pupil experience was still fun, rich and rewarding. Our teachers and all staff have exceeded themselves and delivered excellent experiences throughout this school session. From me, thank you to them.

In school we see happy and engaged children every day. As a result we continue to hugely outperform national average levels of attainment in writing, reading and maths.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing everyone again in August, in what we hope and pray will be a return to normality.

Schools will reopen to pupils on Wednesday 18th August and doors will open from 850am. Staff return on the 16th August. The school day will return to 9-305pm for all pupils. We will write to you in August with more detail of our safe reopening plans.

Congratulations to all our pupils for completing another successful year. To our Primary 7 leavers, we are with you all the way!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can be of any support during the Summer and we will always do our best to help. GilliesI@st-thomas.e-renfrew.sch.uk

See you in August and take care.

Kind regards,
Ian Gillies