



Dear School Council,

I just wanted to send you a little note to say thank you so much for all of your hard work on the School Council this year. I know the we haven't had as many meetings as we would have like because we had to close the school but in the meetings we had, I thought your contributions were fantastic.

Even though it was only half a year, we achieved so much! It was wonderful to start the year with a new School Council Charter which I think I will continue with in the future. Your conversations with your class around how French is taught really helped Mrs Everard and the other teachers make sure we know how you feel and you all had such great ideas about how we can make improvements.

The most important work we did in the year was definitely our contribution to saving the world! We worked so hard on food tasting with Mark & Pam from Principals (it was a tough job tasting all the cake!) and made some excellent suggestions about how they could make sure their food appealed to all of the children. This is so important as it reduces our waste which saves the world. Linked to this we were able to get the food bins up and running in the lunch hall which ensures the food waste doesn't get mixed with normal waste and it can be treated properly which reduces the amount of methane in the atmosphere – a bad greenhouse gas. Also, who can forget the great Christmas Cracker debate of 2019. By encouraging all of the children in your class to make a sensible cracker choice we were able to reduce the amount of paper and plastic waste the school generate which was amazing!

Having Mrs Douetil (the Chair of Governors) at the meetings was really special and gave us all a sense of the important role you have been carrying out. It was lovely to see you chatting to her and being so respectful of her's, and the other children's, views and opinions. Whilst we didn't always agree on everything as a whole group, we were able to listen to each other and come to a resolution or agreement each time. I think the best thing about this year's school council was how much everyone understood that they were representing their class and it wasn't just about their opinion, but the opinion of all of the children.

Thank you so much for all of your efforts and hard work on behalf of your class and all of the children at Pirbright Village Primary School. I'm sorry we didn't have a full year together but you should be proud of all of your achievements because they are vast!

Have a lovely summer break and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs Dow