

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year is coming to an end, I wanted to thank you for your continued support of the school, not just for the past few days or for the past year but always. On Tuesday and Wednesday, as you know, we had an Ofsted Inspection. Until the report is published the findings remain confidential – it is likely that we can issue a copy to parents/carers in September. However, I can tell you that the inspection was thoroughly conducted, it felt like a positive process and we are pleased with the outcome. On completion of the inspection, after reviewing the parent views, I would like to thank parents/carers for their positive contributions; these really confirmed the hard work and dedication that all stakeholders put in to the education of our pupils.

The pupils have been so resilient over the year and this was especially shown on Monday and Tuesday during the red weather warning – they adapted well to the conditions and were able to continue with their learning. We are so proud of our pupils!

The staff, as always, have been incredibly committed to giving your children the best possible learning experience. The overall development of pupils over the year has been clearly evident. This is not only apparent through the academic achievements of our pupils but also through their personal and social growth.

At this time of year, it is always sad to see our Year 6 class leave. They have been a delight to know and teach over the years. We wish them the very best and have no doubt that they will be successful in whatever they chose to do in the future. They have been an absolute credit to the school and we wish them well for the future – well done Year 6!

Another sad loss for the school will be the retirement of Jon Chapman as the Chair of Governors. Jon has been a governor since 2010 and the Chair of Governors since 2018. In his time as governor, Jon has been instrumental in the improvement and success of the school. I would like to thank Jon on behalf of the school community for everything that he has done for the school over the years.

Finally, although looking forward to a well-earned break, we are very much looking forward to the new academic year. We will of course communicate to you at the beginning of term with pertinent information such as important dates or class information. Until then I just wanted to remind you that the new term will start on



Monday 5th September. The 'soft start' (8.40am-8.55am), which was introduced this year, has been successful in providing a calmer, more positive start to the day as well as helping parents with parking/dropping off – it has also helped with reducing the number of pupils arriving late. Please note that from September, the gates will open at 8.40am and pupils will be able to go directly to their classrooms. The gates will then be locked shortly after 8.55am and any pupils who are arriving late need to enter the school via the office.

Thank you again for your fantastic support; I hope that you enjoy the summer holidays!

Best Wishes,

Mr Barron

