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Dear Parents and Carers

HPP End of Year Update

Helen Lockey - Executive Headteacher

The end of this academic year is upon us and I'm sure you and the children are looking forward to exciting summer plans; a chance to recharge your batteries before the autumn term begins.

This year seems to have rushed by and HPP has continued to thrive. We started the year with a number of staff new to the team as well as a new Head of School in each school. I'm delighted to say that fast forward one year and they all are absolutely settled in and making a real difference to the children of HPP everyday. Frequently, parents will tell me how fantastic a particular member of the HPP team is. They tell me how the staff go out of their way to help them or are going over and above to support their children. I put this down to the ethos of HPP which puts children at the centre of everything we do and the professionalism of the staff..

As you know, school finances are in a tricky position nationally, with all schools making decisions regarding how best to spend the limited funds to gain maximum benefit for the children. We are no different but I'm pleased to say that our staffing remains a priority for us and having the right adults working with the children will make the biggest difference to them and their success in our schools..

Last September, both schools were in the Ofsted window and expecting imminent inspection. HJS happily had a very successful visit in March but unfortunately HSN is still waiting, HSN has a historic outstanding judgement and was exempt for many years. The HSN team are looking forward to a visit in the new term.

I wish every success to those pupils leaving HPP and I know they will continue to be the best they can be. To those staff moving on, we of course wish you well but please know that you leave us richer for your being part of our team; thank you.

Claire Cook - Head of School HSN

It is with great pride that I write this final letter of the year. I am reflecting on the exceptional learning community we are part of, where staff and families work together to ensure all children experience the best educational opportunities possible. Thank you for your continued trust, support and investment in our children.

Staff at HSN really are quite special; always going above and beyond to make sure every learning day is a success. They are positive, hard working and always nurturing. I wish all staff a well earned rest over the summer.

As a school leader it is a great privilege observing our children grow as learners daily whilst genuinely enjoying themselves. They embody our principles everyday showing great care for one another. A number of parents have commented on the way our children come into school each morning with such excitement. One parent said 'It was like a sparkling flood of happy little one's pouring through the gate, running to their classes, clearly looking forward to the day. I could feel the pure, positive energy'. This positive feedback is greatly appreciated by the HSN team.





I asked Year Two children to reflect upon their time at HISN and they said 'We have had a happy and lovely time and we **really** had fun'

'We will remember the shows, arts weeks, compliment chain parties, STEM weeks, visits from Bounce Beyond and Lazer Lions.'

Jon James - Head of School HJS

We are very proud of everything the school has achieved this year! The pupils and staff have all worked incredibly hard and we are pleased that this drive and dedication was acknowledged in our highly successful OfSTED report.

The curriculum is the backbone of our education system and this year we have continued to ensure that all subjects are engaging, challenging and inclusive. The staff have had a particular focus on vocabulary, ensuring children have a clear understanding and can apply what they have learnt. Of course this would only be successful if the standard of teaching is high - and I can confidently say that this is the case across the school.

As a school leader we also want to ensure that children are given opportunities to enjoy and excel in other aspects of school life. I am thrilled that we have been able to complete many visits, workshops and activities this academic calendar all of which help to enthuse the children's learning. We have also excelled in many sports fixtures and musical events and as always represented the school to a high standard. These activities take a considerable amount of time to organise, so I would like to say 'thank you' to all the staff for going above and beyond, ensuring your child receives the very best education.

Good luck to our year 6 children who I am sure will continue to 'be the best they can be' and make us proud in their next stage of learning. Some of the year 6 children have recently said the following about their time at HJS: *'Our confidence has risen since we started our journey here. We have made lots of friends and feel very sad to be leaving'; 'HJS will always be in our hearts and we will remember all the laughs!'; and 'The whole of year 6 has gone so quickly. We have had so many opportunities, including a great residential visit in Bude'.*

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all the parents that have continued to trust and support us. We have seen a number of additional students join us throughout the year and frequently hear comments about how welcoming and supportive the HJS community is - so thank you.

The Executive Leadership Team wishes you a wonderful, relaxed summer break and look forward to seeing you again in the new term.

With kind regards

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Ms H Lockey
Executive Headteacher

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Mrs Clare Cook
Head of School (HISN)

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Mr Jon James
Head of School (HJS)

