



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents /Carers,

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MS LOCKEY AND MISS TESTER**

**Miss Tester:**

The children have had a fantastic Autumn term which has been busy and full of learning opportunities across the curriculum. We are particularly proud of the Nursery and Reception children who have made a really positive start to school and been so enthusiastic about school life.

One of the highlights of the term was STEM week, across the school it was engaging and supported the children’s learning and thirst for knowledge. The class assemblies this term have been wonderful and a great opportunity for the children to share their learning in subjects such as history and science. I would like to thank the staff who work extremely hard and are so enthusiastic and passionate about teaching which I know impacts on the enthusiasm for learning from children.

We are continuing to develop our outside spaces and this term the Reception outdoor area, Year 1 and Nursery have had new equipment added or enhanced, such as the poly tunnel, stage and mud kitchens as well as new storage sheds where the children are able to access resources independently to support their learning. I would like to thank HISNA for funding some of this as well as the Year 1 Dad’s team who transformed the year 1 area.

Mrs Goddard and Mrs Page will both be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish them well for the future and thank them for the all the hard work and commitment they have shown to the school in the many years they have worked here.

At the beginning of next term our HPP Principles (see Hexagons) will become a focus for each month in our assemblies and class circle times. These reflect how we think ‘Excellence’ can be achieved for all in our school.

Thank you for all your continued support from helping regularly in school to supporting events like the Christmas fair, as well supporting your child at home with things like reading and spellings.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your families.

**Miss Tester  
Head of School**





**Ms Lockey:**

**Our Partnership**

The HPP partnership continues to go from strength to strength, it was pleasure to see the smooth transition of the year 2 pupils to year 3 this year and how quickly they have settled to their learning.

Our curriculum is a real priority for us this year, with both schools working towards the HPP priority of enhancing our current curriculum and ensuring the learning journey for all pupils builds year on year. In doing so we wish to increase pupils' knowledge, skills and creativity within all the national curriculum subjects as well as inspire them to develop their own interests and talents. We have a high level of professional development for staff around the curriculum meaning pupils at HPP not only receive excellent teaching but also a well resourced curriculum that allows every child to make excellent progress and achieve their potential.

The revised OfSTED framework launched in September clearly supports a broad and balanced curriculum and our programmes of study ensure pupils receive this and so much more! Staff will continue to work on this and share next terms exciting topics in the curriculum newsletter which you will receive at the beginning of the spring term. I am particularly pleased to report that the reading scheme in both schools will be relaunched this January, this is absolutely essential to ensure children are supported in their early reading and then progress rapidly as they move through the schools. Both schools will be using the same scheme in the main, this will support the transition from year 2 to 3. This huge investment has only been possible because of the generous support of both HISNA and FOHJS and we are grateful to you the families of HPP who support them.

Finally, I was hugely proud that the 2018 year 6 SATs results placed us in the Sunday Times best schools list; we were placed in the top 0.9% of all maintained primary schools in the UK. This is a true validation of the fantastic teaching and learning which takes place from nursery to year 6 and to the talented and committed staff who are working to ensure the very best for all the children.



I hope you enjoy a restful break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**Ms Lockey  
Executive Headteacher**

