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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another exciting year and I know that everyone is looking forward to a very well-earned break. Once again, here we are looking back at the many highlights over the year including our amazing achievements and fantastic off-site visits such as Beach Schools. The Year 5 and Year 6 residential were a huge success and we are looking forward to repeating these again in 2024. None of this would have been possible without the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of our teachers, teaching assistants and support staff. I am incredibly grateful to each and every one of them for their hard work and extensive contributions which go towards making Hipsburn Primary such a brilliant school.

Our priority at Hipsburn is growing healthy happy citizens within a safe environment but we admit that we are all very proud of the effort Year 6 have put into their SATs and the above average results achieved. 71.4% of our Year 6 children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined (the Local Authority result was 57.4%). Further to this 21.4% of our children achieved greater depth again in all subjects (the Local Authority result was 7.4%). This said, I was both delighted and proud to watch and enjoy the Year 6 Leavers Assembly and to see how they have all grown and developed in so many ways in their time here - I know they will go on to achieve so much in life beyond the gates of Hipsburn Primary.



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The Leavers Assembly is one of the many that take place over the year. The class assemblies have been wonderful and a credit to our school. I hope that you enjoyed attending the class assemblies this year and having the opportunity to see what we are busy doing in school. These opportunities allow parents and governors an opportunity to see the curriculum in action!

At this time of year when I reflect I wonder how we would manage without our numerous volunteers. I am very grateful for these people who help support a wide range of activities in school on a daily basis. From listening to readers to assisting on school trips our volunteers enhance and enable us to provide the best provision we can with the resources we have. The PTA have worked hard to support the school and provide a welcome cup of tea for events such as Sports Days. We have had so many parents and friends of the school sharing their time and their creative talents. Our Beach Schools visits have continued this year and this has only been possible with the number of parents, grandparents and governors who accompany us on these trips as well as the kind generosity of the Alnmouth Burgage Holders who fund Beach School. If you feel that you can support the school to enhance the curriculum provision even further - please mention this to the class teachers or Miss Solomon or Mrs East in the school office.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the governing body who meet regularly to manage, challenge and most of all to support the school and check-in on the wellbeing of the staff. They give many hours voluntarily and have supported me and the school on our journey. They work their way through a significant amount of paperwork and sit through various meetings as well as helping on trips and attending learning walks around the school with the intention of improving the outcomes for ALL our children.





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Finally, we sincerely wish those children who are leaving us many happy memories and a bright future and those who are staying even more adventures in the new academic year. We look forward to seeing you all again on 5th September - when our lessons will start at 8.45am

Enjoy the summer holidays.

Kind regards,
Kevin Moloney
Headteacher

PS - A huge THANKYOU for all the kind emails, messages, cards gifts and staffroom treats that you have been sending into the school over the last few days. Everything from a hand made and painted plaster dinosaur (which will be treasured) to the cakes and biscuits in the staffroom - they are truly appreciated.

