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Dear Parents

This final letter of the school year brings with it my very best wishes to you all. On behalf of all the staff at Hookstone Chase I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this year, it is a pleasure working with you and I have particularly enjoyed welcoming you into school on different occasions throughout the year. Once again we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 Leavers as they embark on their high school education and also our best wishes go to their families, some who have had a long association with Hookstone Chase. They have been a delightful year group and made good progress. Well done children, we will miss you!

We also say goodbye to a number of members of the staff team this term. I would like to thank them for their commitment, hard work and dedication to Hookstone Chase over a number of years. On behalf of everyone at Hookstone Chase, I wish them all much success and happiness for the future. I would like to pay tribute to all of the staff team who have worked tirelessly over the year to ensure that the children's learning opportunities are of the highest quality. I hope that they enjoy their holidays and are able to spend some relaxing time with families and friends.

In addition, sincere thanks to all the members of The Friends of Hookstone Chase who have continued to work so hard over the year to provide a range of social and fundraising activities for our children. It is hugely appreciated. The culmination of the year with the 50th Birthday Summer Fair was truly remarkable and its success reflected everyone's hard work and organisation.

Next year's curriculum is called "Explore and Discover, Create and Challenge" and the theme for the Autumn Term is "Homecomings" which will include a focus on the centenary of the end of the First World War. I would like to invite all parents to visit the children's classes on Tuesday 4th September between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. This will also provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher. I look forward to welcoming you to school.

We are looking forward to the launch of the new school uniform in September. Please remember that the children will still be able to wear the old red uniform if you have stocks at home! A reminder please that all children should wear SCHOOL SHOES and NOT trainers. All children must have a PE Kit in school at all times. Long hair should be tied back and no jewellery should be worn except for a watch and small stud earrings. Please ensure that hair slides and ties etc. are simple and plain in design. No large Jo Jo Bows or similar from September please. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reading

Please keep reading over the Summer Holidays! It is very important that the children continue to read and enjoy books during the summer so that they can build on their progress this year. Please note that the children's exercise books will be sent up to their new teachers for information.

Please encourage your child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge run by the Library, it's a very popular scheme and wonderful to see so many of our children participating.

Attendance

This year our attendance has been 96.31%. This is lower than last year and we have missed our target of 97%. This is disappointing and I hope that we can improve attendance across the school. Next year, we are once again setting a challenging target of 97% and I hope that parents will support us in achieving this goal. All parents have a responsibility to ensure that their children attend school regularly and punctually and there is a clear link between high attendance and pupil achievement.

Please note that the children should attend school on Friday in their uniform – it is not a non-school uniform day.

I wish you all a very happy holiday with plenty of sunshine and relaxation and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 4th September 2018.**

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Ann L Wheatcroft
Headteacher