

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Dear Staff, Pupils, Parents and Carers,

This year has been an outstanding year for Herne Bay Junior School and the whole school community can be truly proud and delighted by what has been achieved.

In January this year, the Kent Real School Guide ranked us 8th in the county, based on 36 different measures. Since then, the school has gone from strength to strength, achieving outstanding end of year results. It is clear that Herne Bay Junior School is recognised locally and county wide as a school that gets results.

By now, you will all be aware of the excellent Year 6 SATS results. Year 6 can be truly proud of themselves and I know the whole school will join me in congratulating them on their effort and results. As a governor, I have witnessed first-hand how individual children are nurtured to do the very best they can and those children will now go on to their secondary schools well equipped with knowledge, skills and an enthusiasm for learning.

There are always many people to thank at the end of a school year and I would like to start by thanking all the parents and carers for supporting their children in their educational journey. The role that parents play in their children's education has long been recognised as a significant factor in their educational success. The school cannot achieve such high standards without their support.

I would also like to thank all the teaching and support staff at Herne Bay Juniors. The governors never cease to be impressed by their commitment and they richly deserve our thanks and good wishes at the end of such a strong year. As governors, we see just how much hard work goes into helping the children realise their potential. Please enjoy the successes of this year as you prepare for September.

And last but not least, the governors would like to thank the children themselves, who deserve recognition for all their hard work and effort this year. The pupils of Herne Bay Junior School sing, dance, play instruments, win sports tournaments and matches, run the school council, collect money for charity, kip on ships, sleep next to dinosaurs, exhibit their art... the list is endless! Have a good holiday, you have earned it.

Finally, on behalf of the governing body I would like to say goodbye to everyone who is leaving our school this year.

The Year 6 children will be going on to their new schools, where I am sure they will enjoy demonstrating all that they learned in their time at our school. Anyone who was in the audience of Hamlet will know what a talented group of children they are.

We also say farewell to a number of members of staff. We wish them the very best in the future and thank them for their significant contribution to school life at HBJS.

And finally we say goodbye to Mrs Nation. She has been an outstanding headteacher and we are very sorry to see her go. As many of you know, she is leaving to take on a challenging

role with Ofsted and will be promoting her high standards throughout the South East. She has led the school through a period of immense improvement and leaves it in a very strong position. We wish her every success in her new career and trust that she will drop in to see us from time to time. She leaves the school in the very capable hands of Mrs Kingman and we look forward to another successful year for the school and its pupils.

On behalf of the school governing body, I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and happy summer break.

Kind regards,

Jackie Smith (Chair of Governors)