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End of Term Letter to Parents from Co-Chairs of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the Summer break we thought it would be good opportunity to contact you all with our review of what has been achieved in school this year and give some indication of what is planned for early part of the new school year from September.

We became co-chairs of the governing body in February and alongside our other governor colleagues have continued to be involved in, overseen or contributed where appropriate to:

- supporting Mr Moloney as he works hard to constantly raise standards across the school and hold him and his staff to account by challenging their work robustly.
- ensuring that the mandatory school self-evaluation form and school development plans are up-to-date, realistic and aspirational
- visits in to school to talk with staff and children to ensure that areas for improvement identified by the School Improvement Partner (SIP) are being addressed.
- the ongoing adjustments and developments as we establish ourselves as a Primary school
- preparing for having a Year 6 group from September 2017, including taking the decision to self-build a new classroom - please see further update below
- recruiting a new KS2 (Year 5/6) teacher and a temporary teacher to cover Mrs Johnson's maternity leave.
- recruiting new governors to replace those who have retired or resigned

Information on who the school's governors are, the role of the governing body and its sub-committees can be found here:

http://www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk/website/meet_the_governors/103163





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New Classroom Update

Following the decision to self-build a sub-group of governors have been working incredibly hard to scope, seek planning and initiate a contract with a supplier to provide us with a new classroom for the Year 5/6 for September. Ground works will start as soon as school closes for the summer break and the classroom, which is being constructed by the supplier off site, will be transported and put in place for September. It will be located next to the current Ford classroom that was built by Northumberland County Council last year and will provide a classroom, flexible intervention space and a toilet. Disabled access around the whole of this area will be improved with new or replaced ramps and handrails. We are confident that it will be a great asset to the school and believe that it demonstrates our aspirations in terms of provision for the staff and children.

Swimming Provision

We are contacting you all separately with a detailed explanation of the new swimming arrangements from next term.

Parent Pop-In Sessions

Next term we are going to begin half-termly Parent Pop-In sessions, where representatives from the governing body will be available to meet with parents face-to-face or answer any queries or comments that have been submitted in writing. We will share more details, including the date of the first session, when school returns in September.

Finally, a thank-you to the staff, children, parents, volunteers, helpers and members of the PTA at Hipsburn whose hard work and commitment make the school the special place that it is. We are confident that the school is well placed to deal with any challenges it faces and that it will continue to be a great place to learn and grow.

Yours sincerely,

Allison Wort and Claire Vass

Co-Chairs of the Governing Body, Hipsburn Primary School.

