Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another school year, we like to reflect over the highs and lows we have shared.

All of the children and staff have worked hard again to move the school forward, a fact that was recognised in our fantastic Ofsted report, which we are still very proud of.

We are pleased to report that our Early Years scores are very strong, continuing to build on the improvement made last year, with higher than national results. Our year 1 phonics screening results, although slightly lower than last year’s, are still pleasing, and our year 2 phonics screening retake score is another improvement on last year’s result. Our end of KS1 and KS2 outcomes are slightly lower than we had hoped, although in KS1 our maths results are an improvement on last year and in KS2 our reading, maths and combined subjects all show an increase on last year’s results. Both sets of results were in the light of an external moderation procedure.

Even though we have had successes, this doesn’t mean that we are resting on our laurels – the school is still constantly striving to improve.

Durrington is about more than tests though, and as part of our exciting curriculum children from the nursery class up to year 6 have been out and about on some amazing trips – from the beach and a farm to Marwell zoo and Chessington! A lot of our children have also spent their first night away from home on one of our residential trips and very recently, the year 4 children actually spent a night sleeping in the school – although we are not sure if the teachers would agree that there was much ‘sleeping’ done!

Our children also care about those less fortunate than us. This year saw the year 1 children donating their unwanted toys to the Syrian refugees and we have done many other collections for local and national charities including Children in Need, the Air Ambulance and Comic Relief. Perhaps our proudest moment was handing a cheque for £3514.46 to Cancer Research following the Race for Life that all the children took part in – this is the largest amount that we have ever raised for charity and shows how thoughtful and caring our children and their families are.

We have had some sad moments too. We will never think of this year without remembering our lovely Michelle who we tragically lost in October. Her friends are still keen to share their happy memories with us and we will treasure the time she was here.

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When we return to school in September, there will be a few changes to our pastoral team. As Mrs O’Donnell and Mrs Harbinson have left us this term, any pastoral concerns will be dealt with by Mrs Beadle, our lead HLTA and Mrs Harrison, our new Learning Mentor. They have already begun their work in our Fontwell classroom and are both very excited for the new term.

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils who are leaving us for high school. They have worked so hard this year. We wish them all the very best for the future and can’t wait to hear what they get up to.

Once again, we would like to finish by thanking all of our parents and carers for their support this year. It is an ongoing privilege to work with your children, and as always, your supportive words and actions help to make it a job we love.

We hope that you have a fantastic summer break and look forward to seeing you all again at the end of the holidays. We have INSET days on the first two days of term, so the first day for children will be Wednesday 6th September.

Yours sincerely

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Co-Headteachers