



21st July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of another busy and successful year. In this end of term letter, I am going to look back on some of our highlights, provide some staffing updates and briefly look ahead to next academic year.

### **Highlights**

Despite the ongoing disruption of the tail end of the Covid Pandemic, we have had some wonderful moments during the year.

We were particularly excited to be able to organise a fantastic range of trips for children including Stonehenge, the Beach, Fishbourne Roman Villa, Marwell Zoo, Rock-up Climbing Centre, Trampolining, Mayflower Theatre, Places of worship including a Sikh Temple, Mosque and St Mary's Church, Hillier Gardens, Winchester Science Centre, Longdown Dairy Farm and Woodmill Activity Centre.

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We were also able to provide a great range of clubs for pupils including Art, Cooking, Coding, Gymnastics, Multi-Sports, Choir, Jesus and Me and Science.

Of course, we were also delighted to have received official recognition of our work in the form of a Good rating from Ofsted in February and then an Outstanding rating for our Religious Education, Collective Worship and Personal Development inspection.

### **Farewells and Welcomes**

As always at this time of year we have some sad farewells.

Agnieszka Nwabueze (Adventurers Learning Support Assistant) is leaving us after a year of excellent work, to pursue her many other interests.

Bridget Lowry (Early Years Lead) is retiring after 17 years of teaching. She has been a kind, humble and faithful member of our team and will be sorely missed by everyone. However, she has promised that she will come back and see us regularly!

David Simmonds (Teaching Assistant and Sports lead) will be leaving after an excellent year of supporting across the school. He has worked tirelessly, and we wish him all the best in whatever he ends up doing.

Hannah Patience (Adventurers Teaching Assistant) has been working with us for several years and has been a wonderful member of the team. Her professional skills, energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed. We are delighted that she can move on to another great role within social services, which will have a positive impact on many children and families.

Katherine Wilson (Green Adventurers Teacher) will be leaving for maternity leave early in September – we can't wait to meet her baby. She has been an inspirational teacher in our

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school and has made fantastic improvements to the way we teach Early Reading. We already look forward to welcoming her back!

Sadie Johnson (Reception LSA) is moving to another school nearer her home. Again, Sadie has provided many years of dedicated service at Hope School, and we will miss her professional skills and bubbly personality.

As well as people leaving, we are very excited to welcome to our community many fantastic new staff members:

Miriam Van Nyvel – EYFS Lead

Sophie Hull – Y1 Teacher

Jimmy Ward – Y4 Teacher and Senior Leader

Jess Bartlett– TA in Y5

Rosie Grist – TA – Y1

Sara Fairclough – LSA – Y5

Daniel TSOI – LSA – Y4

Emma Bruce – LSA – Y1

I am sure you will all join me in making them feel welcome to Hope School in September.

### **Looking forward**

First, I know many of you will be wondering what is happening about our new building. I am pleased to say that work continues, as planned, for the new building and the feasibility study has been completed. Now the DfE are going through the rigorous process of selecting the company who will be given the job of building the new school. During the next phase of the process, more detailed drawings of the new school will be produced which I hope to be able to share with you as soon as they become available. In the meantime, an agreement is in place with Central Hall to accommodate us until the new building is ready.

We plan on introducing a few changes next year that we hope will make our school even more open and welcoming for parents/carers.

We will reintroduce Coffee Afternoons on Tuesdays at 14.00, which will be open to any parents/carers who would like to join us. These are a great place to meet others, find out more about what is happening in school and meet a range of school staff including myself and the Chaplain. There are also plans to continue providing Bake Club, Creative English Classes and Kintsugi Hope Groups for parents/carers.

Following feedback, parents and carers will be invited to wait in the playground at pick-up time so that the experience is more comfortable particularly for those of you with younger children.

We will also introduce half-termly open mornings for parents to come into class and see what and how children are learning.

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Although we will still have a staggered end time for different classes, we will try to ensure the maximum wait will be 15 minutes. Here is our proposed drop-off and pick-up schedule for next year:

### **Class Drop-Off Pick Up**

Trailblazers 08.30-09.00 Playground 15.15 - Playground  
Innovators 08:30– 09:00 - Playground 15:15 Playground  
Discoverers 08:30 – 09:00 - Playground 15:15 Playground  
Green Adventurers 08:30 – 09.00 - Glass doors 15:30 Glass doors  
Blue Adventurers 08:30 – 09.00– Glass doors 15:30 Playground  
Explorers 08:30 – 09.00 – Playground 15:30 Playground  
Pioneers 08:30 – 09.00 – Playground 15:30 Playground

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and playing your part in making our school such a welcoming and inclusive place to be. I wish you all a fantastic summer full of fun, friendship and relaxation. I look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 5th September**.

Kindest regards,  
S Wright  
Mr. Wright  
(Principal, Hope Community School Southampton)