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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the school year draws to a close I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your support over the past academic year. We have navigated a very challenging and unprecedented time together. I feel we are genuinely turning a corner with Covid 19 and the restrictions the pandemic has imposed upon our daily life both in and out of school.

I must say the children have been both resilient and remarkable throughout all of this. I am sure you will agree they appear to be making significant steps forward in both their academic and personal development. The Year 6 outcomes this year at Larks Hill School have once again been excellent and the same applies for the other year groups throughout school. This is testament to the hard work of all the staff. We wish all our children the very best as they embark on their new academic year from September 2021.

Despite the lockdowns, the restrictions and bubble closures we have kept your child's learning at the heart of everything we do. I hope you have been pleased by their end of year reports that reflects their progress over the past year. Rest assured, we are continuing with our robust interventions and support in the new academic year where it is needed most. In addition, we should also be able to invite you into school for more face to face interaction from September, which is something I am genuinely excited about!

We have had as many interactive and fun days as possible since the full reopening of our school in March. The highlights for me have been the falconry experience, the Spanish themed day, Olympics Week, Sports Day, Y6 Cinema visit and the end of year class parties. As ever, we will continue to plan in a number of different experiences from the beginning of the next academic year. These are such important activities which help to further enrich the wider curriculum offer.

During the academic year, we have held Curriculum and Peer Review Weeks in school, which focus closely on all aspects of school. The feedback we have received after each of these has been wonderful and highly encouraging. The high expectations we continue to set for the children both inside and outside the classroom were highlighted. I continue to be delighted by the way we strike such a positive balance in terms of ensuring both academic standards and personal development are to the fore on a daily basis.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Newman all the very best as she leaves Larks Hill School at the end of this year, in order start her new teaching position. During the two years Mrs Newman has been with us, she has added a great deal of value on multiple fronts to the children and the school. Good luck Mrs Newman, as you begin the next chapter of your teaching career.

2021-22 Academic Year

We have a proud history and reputation at Larks Hill School and we will continue to build on this during the new academic year. Without us working together, we could not have achieved so much this year. However, we are always striving to improve further.

I will share the curriculum plans more thoroughly with you in due course, so that you are aware of the learning journey your child is on each term and can have conversations with them about what they are learning and why. As previously communicated in my recent letter, the children will no longer be in classroom bubbles, if the current guidance remains in place. We will also be removing much of our mitigating controls regarding social distancing, the start and end times of the day and lunchtime provision. I will write to you towards the end of the school holidays to confirm our final arrangements for Wednesday 8th September, as these may be subject to change depending on summer events. All social distancing arrangements, as per our current risk assessment, will be removed, as will one-way systems of entry and exit.

Summer Activities Pack for 5 -11 years old

Pearson Education have kindly created a summer pack for children that is filled with activities to keep the family entertained and help children learn during the break with:

- The Maths Factor Summer Adventure
- Summer Reading Challenge
- Primary Science Workbook
- Mindfulness Activities

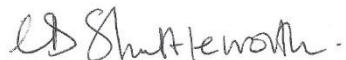
These activities and resources can be found at the following link:

<http://email.mae-communications.co.uk/c/17ydXnctzIXEoflb6v3zPsbUeH>

Final Thanks

I would like to thank members of the SPRB (School Performance and Review Board) for all their hard work and tireless championing of our school. I would also like to thank all my staff for their unbelievable efforts this year and relentless drive to ensure your children are enjoying school and learning as best they can. Their commitment has been unwavering. On a final note, please may I wish you all a wonderful and safe Summer break. Enjoy time with your families and relax as best you can. I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Yours faithfully,



Ian Shuttleworth
Headteacher