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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I want to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you for your continued support, both for the school and for me personally. It has been an amazing year, filled with memorable moments, successful events, and a strong sense of community spirit.

When we ask the children to share their highlights of the year, one thing consistently stands out: the times when you came into school to be part of their learning. From the exciting science lessons during British Science Week to the Father's Day Breakfast and 'Come Read with Me' sessions, your presence truly made those moments special. The level of parental engagement at our school is exceptional. As I have mentioned before, I have friends who are headteachers, and they are genuinely envious of the strong partnership we have with our parents.

It has been wonderful to see the children flourish and develop excellent learning habits this year. With your encouragement at home and our nurturing environment at school, they have continued to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to FOSJ. Their continued commitment has allowed us to participate in enriching projects and activities that have truly enhanced school life for our children. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated support from this group.

I also want to acknowledge the valuable work of our governing body, who both challenge and support us to ensure we are providing a high-quality education and a holistic approach to every child's development.

Thanks to generous donations this year, we have been able to offer a range of exciting opportunities including chess lessons for every year group, a whole-school art exhibition, a self-defence class for girls, maths extension opportunities, and new devices that help bring our curriculum to life in more engaging and efficient ways.

This year, our work with the partnership schools under the leadership of Mrs Read has continued to go from strength to strength. This collaboration brings real value to both the children and staff across all schools. By sharing best practice, developing joint initiatives, and supporting each other's wellbeing and work-life balance, we are creating a culture of collaboration that truly benefits our communities. We are a stronger team because of the support we provide for each other.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our clergy, whose guidance and presence help our children grow in their spiritual journey. Through their support, our pupils learn meaningful ways to communicate with God and are reminded that they are never alone. I am equally grateful to the wonderful parents who lead our prayer space regularly – your commitment plays a pivotal role in promoting our school's vision and values. Thank you for everything you do to enrich the spiritual life of our school community.

To our wonderful Year 6 pupils, as you prepare to move on to the next exciting chapter of your lives, we want you to know how proud we are of everything you have achieved during your time with us. You have been fantastic role models and have contributed so much to our school community.





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Although we will miss you greatly, we know you are ready to take on new challenges and continue to shine. We wish each and every one of you the very best for the future. You will always be part of our school family. Thank you also to all the wonderful Year 6 parents for your support throughout the year. The school will feel very different without you. Thank you for joining us at the service this morning – it was emotional but truly special.

This is the blessing that Andy shared with you this morning. I hope it brings you comfort when you are in need, and reminds you that you were loved at your primary school

*May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue embedding the positive changes we have introduced. We remain fully committed to giving your children the best possible education and helping them become the very best version of themselves.

Finally, I know you will join me in thanking the incredible staff team for their outstanding work this year. The adults at STJHV are simply fabulous and one of the key reasons our school is so special. Their dedication, passion, and hard work ensure that your children are not only educated but also loved and nurtured every single day. I am truly grateful for all they do — they make my job easier, and I feel so fortunate to be part of this amazing school.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and joyful summer break. I am already looking forward to another fantastic year ahead.

With warmest regards,

Ms Khan

Head of School

