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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of another academic year is rapidly upon us, I would like to share a variety of information and also review some of the progress that has taken place in school this year. Another year seems to have flown by and I am pleased to say that the school has again improved in many areas.

Autumn Term 2017

Please note that the first day back for children is **Tuesday 5th September 2016**. Monday 4th is allocated as a teacher training day. All staff look forward to welcoming the children back to the new school year.

Year 6 Leavers

I would like to wish all of our year 6 leavers the very best as they move to their next school. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with the children in this cohort and school is very proud of their achievements. I have confidence that they can move into secondary education with fond memories and a great deal of confidence. Good luck ... go on and achieve great things!

Staffing/Classes 2017 – 2018

Please note that the following classes for your information:

Teacher	Year Group	Teaching Assistant
Miss Jackson	3	Mrs Woolf
Miss Gray/Mr Greer	3	Mrs Woolf
Miss Fairbank	4	Mrs Jones
Miss Field	4	Mrs Jones
Mrs Rye	5	Miss Oakley
Mrs Uys/Mrs Graham	5	Miss Oakley
Miss Pettican	6	Mrs Smallwood & Mrs Stannard
Mr Gildersleeve	6	Mrs Smallwood & Mrs Stannard
Mrs Shrubbs	N/A	

Academy Conversion

You will be aware that school is currently finalising its conversion to Academy within the Hornchurch Academy Trust. This conversion follows extensive consultation and formal processes and is now proposed to complete dated 1st September 2017. Please be reassured that from September 1st, school will be open as usual and be working as it always has for children, parents/carers and community. For any further information on the Hornchurch Academy Trust, please visit www.hornchurchacademy.org



Successes

In January this year, school once again was subject to an Ofsted inspection that was very successful and a fair reflection of the work in school, its outcomes and its successes. This report (available on the school website) is being used as a benchmark to improve the school and its provision for learners even further. It also validates the improvement in the school since the previous inspection.

Work continues on the new and updated environmental area that is really beginning to take shape. A special thank you is extended to Mr Meeks and Mr Ball for their back breaking work! This is added to continued work this year to redecorate and update the aesthetic of the building to ensure that school meets the standards we have all become accustomed to.

Within the School Development Plan there have also been successes. School has further developed its assessment procedures, particularly within foundation subjects, whilst improvements in higher level learning can be seen in the end of year SATs outcomes. All staff have received further training regarding the challenges of mental health which adds to increasing skill sets across staff groups.

PTA and Volunteer Helpers

I would like to extend a big thank you to the PTA and all adult helpers who come into school and assist us and more importantly impact positively on the children, including their learning. The work completed has resulted in a wide variety of events that the children have enjoyed enormously, whilst at the same time raised a lot of money that is then focused on being spent on the children.

Achievement and Standards

I am very pleased to report the current Year 6 SATs results. I would like to congratulate and thank all of those including staff who contributed to these results. The results shown below present a huge success and compare very favourably compared to national averages:

	Meeting the National Standard	
	School	National Average
Reading	93%	71%
Writing	88%	76%
Spelling & Grammar	96%	77%
Mathematics	92%	75%
Combined meeting the standard (R, W & M)	88%	61%

Huge credit is afforded to all the children for their hard work, focus and personal aspiration in achieving these results. It is safe to say that they are well deserved results and that we are all very proud of. It also demonstrates further year on year progress that highlights that Whybridge Juniors School continues to be a high performing school that we can all be proud of.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the Whybridge community a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and very much look forward to seeing you in September for the new academic year. I would like to thank the teachers, support staff, community for their continued hard work. It has been yet another positive year for academic progress and school improvement.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C W Hobson
Headteacher

