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Dear Parents and Carers,

We made it to the end of the year ... and what a year it has been! We have been so happy to be operating at full capacity and providing a rich and varied curriculum to all Highfielders. We have loved offering residential trips in each year group this term, there has been a brilliant drama production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' and lots of end of term celebration events and fun activities. We have also thoroughly enjoyed having more opportunities for parents to join us school – your support is very much appreciated.

Of course, all of this has happened alongside our core curriculum offer, where pupils have made very encouraging progress in all subjects. Back in May, our Year 6's completed their SATs exams and performed really well, showing such maturity, confidence and resilience to perform well under pressure. They should feel very proud of their achievements.

Of course, we say goodbye to our Year 8 pupils today. They have loved their last few days in school and we have been proud of the way they have conducted themselves through a week involving a brilliant awards ceremony, leaver's assembly, bouncy castle fun, sports day, leaver's disco and today's trip to South Shields. Many of them also had a brilliant trip to London a couple of weeks ago, making memories to last a lifetime. They are a fantastic group of pupils and we have thoroughly enjoyed helping them to grow over the past 4 years. We can't wait to see what they achieve in High School and beyond.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a couple of staffing changes taking place this summer. Mrs Bell leaves us today after 8 years of dedicated service, she will begin a new chapter in her life, pursuing her passion for arts and crafts. We have (rather confusingly!) appointed a new Mrs Bell in her place, who will teach English and Humanities across the school, as well as being a Year 6 form tutor. Miss Allen started her new job at the beginning of July and we have appointed Mrs Robinson to take her place in the admin team from late August. Mrs Glasper has just begun her Maternity leave; we wish her luck and can't wait to meet the new arrival. Miss Wright will join us to teach Art and Technology in her absence. Finally, we wave goodbye and good luck to Miss Stout, who has been a fantastic addition to our teaching team this year. We are very grateful to our departing staff for their dedication and commitment to Highfield Middle School.

We thank all of our pupils and families for your effort and support this year and wish all of you a healthy and happy summer with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming pupils back, along with a brand-new bunch of Highfielders, for the start of the Autumn term on Tuesday 5th September.

Regards

Richard Oades

Headteacher