Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe how fast this school year has gone. It is always a bitter sweet time of year for school staff, we say 'good bye' to our Year 6 children who we are so proud of and of whom we have very fond memories of their time in our schools. The Leaver's Assembly and the Prom were such emotional but fun events and we really got to see the talents and confidence radiating out of the children – their next schools are so lucky to have them.

I am so pleased that we will not be bidding farewell to most of our Year 2 children as they will be continuing their journey in our 3 school family at Grove Junior School. I know that I can't wait to see them walk into the 'Great Hall' in September.

We are very excited to welcome our new nursery children and are proud of our children who are moving into their next classes and growing up far too quickly.

Our staff will be having a well earned rest for some of the summer holiday and are also working hard to make sure that classrooms, planning and learning experiences are the best they can be for when the children return.

We have had lots of external reviews this year which have recognised how effective our schools are in ensuring teaching and learning is the best it can be. I believe that much of this is down to the amazing children, hardworking staff, super leaders, committed Governors and of course you — our Parents and carers. We know and really appreciate the time and effort you put in each and every day working with your children at home to build on learning at school.

Our Before and After School Care will be hosted at both Hamilton and Northwood from September with a walking bus operating for Grove. We will be working in partnership with BEE Active to offer holiday care too.

It is likely that we will be converting to 'ESPRIT' Multi Academy Trust from September and we will be writing to you to invite you to contribute to our logo, vision and mission statements. Whilst you will see very little change in terms of your school's running, the school is likely to be called an Academy rather than a school, this is the main change. We will send lots more information out in September.

Have a lovely, hopefully sun-filled and relaxing Summer,

with very best wishes

Mrs S Moran
Executive Headteacher