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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems impossible that we have reached the end of another year which has been a busy one at Harlow Fields.

The Year started with an Ofsted Inspection when we were fortunate to keep our Good grade. Ofsted recognised the school has work to do and Staff have been busy working on areas that needed attention. The Governors are grateful to Kathleen and all the Staff who have committed to these areas of development and we look forward to a positive result when Ofsted make their next visit.

This Term the pupils and Sixth Form students have experienced a range of exciting visits. They gain so much from these visits and we are so grateful to Staff for the work that goes into the planning and organisation of them.

We are also grateful to our PTA for organising such a successful Summer Fair. The weather was really kind and helped to make it such an enjoyable event. Thank you to you all for your hard work and time in planning and running such an enjoyable afternoon.

The Governing Board accepted the resignation of Linda Williams who has been associated with the school for many years including as Vice Chair of governors for 10 years. She will be missed greatly. We send her our grateful thanks for her tireless commitment to the school and wish her lots of happiness in her new ventures. Simon Dewhurst will be our new Vice Chair and we are grateful to him for taking on this role.

We are also sad to say farewell to some of our staff, to Jose Hurtado who is returning to Spain, to Jack Hatley as he moves from the area and to Kiely Tomlin, a temporary farewell, who is taking up a new and exciting post with ESSET. We wish them all success and happiness in the future.

During the Summer break the outside areas of the Lower and Upper School will be having major and exciting refurbishments (weather permitting). This has been made possible with funding specifically designated for this work received from the Local Authority. Looking at the plans this should prove to be resources that will greatly enhance the learning and social skills of the pupils.

At the conclusion of another academic year on behalf of all the Governors I want to end with a huge and sincere thank you to all the Staff at the school, to Kathleen, the Teachers, Support Staff, Our Business Manager, Admin Team, Site Management Team, Therapists and everyone who contributes by working so hard in making Harlow Fields the very Special School it is and thank you to you, our families, for the support you give the School. Wishing you all a well-deserved and relaxing break- let's hope we see some sunshine!

With best wishes  
Paula Violet  
Chair of Governors