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Dear Parents

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Another school year has flown by and once again it has been full of excitement, wonder and hard work. The children, as always, have been a credit to their school and families throughout the year although they absolutely need their summer break. I hope you all have a lovely summer and school will reopen to children on Tuesday 4th September 2018

Leavers 2018

Thirty-five amazing Year 6 pupils left the school for the last time this Summer and will start in their high schools in September. Our children are going on to many different schools including Neston, Pensby, Calday, both Wirral Grammars, Birkenhead Academy and West Kirby. Those schools are lucky to be receiving such caring and hardworking children. For some families, it will be the last time the parents come here to Heswall – one family has been coming every day for the past 17 years. For others, it is time to start again with younger siblings in lower down classes including those starting in Reception class this September.

Key Stage 2 Sats Results

Subject	% of Heswall children at the expected standard	% of children nationally at the expected standard	% of Heswall children attaining greater depth
Reading	80%	75%	37%
Writing	83%	78%	20%
Maths	86%	76%	31%
Grammar, Punctuation and spelling	86%	78%	51%
R+W+M combined	71%	64%	9%

These are pleasing results that show that our children are well above the national percentages in all areas and many more children achieved greater depth than in previous years. R+W+M combined is the number of children that achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths. If a child does not achieve the standard in just one of those areas then they cannot be counted in the combined score. Different children will achieve in different areas which is why the number both in the school and nationally is lower than in individual subjects.

Parent Help

A huge thank you to everyone who gave some of their time to help out with their local school. We've had dedicated parents who have helped to support the children with reading, working with small curriculum groups and many have attended trips and walks with the class. It is so appreciated and it is the children that benefit from this. Also, thank you to the parents who have supported Catherine Caslin and her PTA team. They have raised over £24,000 in two years that has provided the children with so many resources and experiences. We are so lucky and appreciate this vital financial and community building support. Thank you also to parents for giving your children the much needed time with yourselves to help them develop their reading each evening, learning their spellings and getting the homework done too. Again, the children value this and really benefit from this special time.

Uniform

A reminder that we no longer stock school uniform inside school due to a lack of storage space. It can now be ordered via The Other Uniform Store in Brimstage. More details are on the school website including a direct link to the website.

Staff Changes

Miss Potter, is leaving her office role and will join the local authority's software support team. We thank her for her hard work in the office. Mrs Spofforth will still be here providing continuity and Mrs Neil joins the office team in September. We also welcome our newest teacher, Miss Dodwell, who becomes our new Year Four teacher.

Have a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September. Best Wishes,

Mr J Lawrenson

