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Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

This has been a year of change at Sparsholt Primary and the school has come through with many great outcomes to take forward and build on in the new academic year.

With the departure of Mrs Laver early in the year, the teaching team rallied together with great leadership from Mrs Gwilliam as Deputy Headteacher, working closely with Mr Davies who joined as our Interim Headteacher from Cliddesden Primary for two days a week. The teaching team reorganised well and kept their focus on the pupils' learning and development. This is evidenced by the overwhelmingly superb results our Year 6 pupils achieved in their SATs, with 100% meeting ARE (Age Related Expectation); already heralded by the County as being amongst the best results in Hampshire.

The school sports day and summer production really evidenced the teaching team's commitment to our children and how exceptional Sparsholt CE Primary School is. We are a community with a shared investment in our school; a school that works endlessly to embed our values of courage, creativity and compassion at every opportunity, every day.

Mrs Hanratty will be joining us as our new permanent Headteacher next term. She has already started to build a strong partnership with Mrs Gwilliam and together they have shared their vision and ideas for the new school year with the Governors. Many of these new ideas dovetail closely with feedback from the parents' questionnaire, such as making better use of the school estate for breakout and support sessions plus enabling parents to have a more informed view of their child's progress (e.g. 'Fab Fridays').

There are also new teaching and support staff joining the team next term, who bring with them the right mix of skills to enable the vision and plans for the school going forward. We are looking forward to welcoming them in September.

As a Governing Body we are immensely proud of everything the school has achieved this year under the positive force of Mrs Gwilliam and the dedicated team of staff. We are really looking forward to working with Mrs Hanratty, Mrs Gwilliam and the staff team next year as we continue on our journey of commitment, dedication, direction, determination and focus.

As we say goodbye and good luck to all the Yr 6 pupils and their families moving onto secondary school, we also look forward to welcoming a new cohort of Yr R children and their families.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming all of you for the new term in September!

Kind regards,

Kathy Bamber

Chair of Governors, on behalf of The Full Governing Body