

Henham and Ugley Primary and Nursery School

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Headteacher Mrs S Giles



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Dear Parents/Carers and Staff

What a fantastic year we've had this year. Our pupils, staff, parents/carers and PSA have all been so busy over the year and our successes have been numerous and varied. Firstly, however, a final "thank you" and "farewell" goes to Mrs Giles, Mrs Dane and Mr McLendon.

Mrs Giles has led our school in such a professional and exemplary manner for the past 7 years. She has always had the children at the heart of all her decisions. We would like to wish her and Mr Giles all the very best for the many new adventures they are going to embark upon in their retirement together.

Mrs Dane has been at H&U Primary and Nursery School for 18 years! She has been such an inspirational, fun member of staff and words cannot describe how much she will be missed. Thank you Mrs Dane for all that you have done for our children, parents, staff and school and we know you will be as wonderful a granny as you are a TA.

Mr McLendon has been with us for two years now and we would like to thank him for his dedication and commitment and wish him all the best for the future.

Another big round of thanks goes to all the willing volunteers and class representatives who have assisted the school over the year. The various fund raising events that have been overseen by the PSA but run by the different classes have raised valuable funds for our school and we are sure that our new Headteacher and the PSA will identify worthy projects in the new school year.

From the governors' perspective, this year has been a rather challenging one. Due to universal funding cuts by the government, we have had to look at numerous options to allocate our available funds in the best and most efficient ways. One of the ways the governing body has faced the funding challenges has been to restructure. This has enhanced the efficiency of the governing body and together with the addition of several new governors to the team this puts us in a very strong position going forwards. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest co-opted governor, Fiona Miller. She has a background in psychology and will work alongside Paul Maxin as our Governors with special responsibility for Safeguarding. Fiona is mum to Jude (going into Year 2) and Lexi who is starting in reception in September.

Looking back on the school year, we believe there have been too many successes to list them all and would like to summarise just some of the highlights:

Firstly thanks go to all involved in organising and attending the Isle of Wight trip in September. Our year 5 and 6 classes had the most wonderful time and came back with super memories, stories and experiences.



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As you know, the curricular and extra-curricular provision is exceptional at our school and we are extremely proud of how many children participate in the clubs and sports on offer. The following are some of our successes:

- Our athletics team won the Uttlesford District Sports Championships for the 4th year running.
- Year 5 & 6 children participated in the very enjoyable Thaxted Music Festival
- The Netball A Team finished 2nd in the High 5 Netball Tournament
- Our choir participated in a massed singing event at the Sounds of Essex Festival and are now part of a world record team who partook in the largest ever 'stomp' routine
- Our cricket team was victorious in the KS1 Three Tees Cricket
- The Year 5 gymnasts won Key steps Gymnastics
- Our Football team showed great commitment and enthusiasm throughout the season
- We completed the year with 2 victories in the Rounders competition at Forest Hall School
- The whole school participated in the National Gallery's countrywide scheme called 'Take one picture' and we saw some super work related to the artwork "Penelope with the Suitors"

We could not end this letter without complimenting all the pupils on their wonderful end of year academic achievements. This is testament to the supportive and focused efforts of all our staff and parents throughout the whole year - thank you to each and everyone one of you. Special mention must go to our Year 2 and Year 6 children who completed their challenging SATS tests. In both year groups the results were extremely impressive.

Finally a very big welcome to our new Headteacher, Mrs Kim Hall. Hopefully many of you have had the chance to meet Mrs Hall at the recent Celebration Evening and Summer Fair. We are sure that everyone joins us in wishing her a happy and successful future at our school.

We look forward to welcoming most of you back to school in September and wish our Year 6 leavers all the very best in their new schools.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a great summer.

Yours sincerely

Mo Park & Lindy McDermott
Co-Chairs Governing Body