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**Clutton**  
Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of the academic year, we wanted to write to you in order to give you some updates and information. We would both like to thank all of you and your children for everything you have contributed to the school. Our pupils have been fantastic this year - they have worked hard, behaved well and made wonderful contributions to the life of the school. We regularly receive positive feedback from visitors to the school, such as our school improvement lead and CEO - about how focused and well-behaved they are in lessons.

In September 2021 we started a new model of leadership at Clutton, with the two of us taking up roles as Executive Headteacher and Head of School, following the departure of Miss Ennew. At the time we were in the office for half of the week each, with Mrs Cowgill also teaching in Willow Class. However we have managed to develop a model now, where Mrs Cowgill is out of class for the majority of the week, except for times when classes need cover. Although Mr Turull's time is split between three schools, this change for Mrs Cowgill means that there is one of us available in the office nearly all of the time, with some times when we both are.

We have continued to focus on school improvement this year and have made many changes to how the curriculum is delivered - such as new schemes of learning in art and PE - which have helped us to provide really high quality education for all of our children. We are particularly pleased that our end of year results across the school exceeded national averages in nearly all areas with significant improvements from last year in EYFS, Year 2 and Year 6. There has been a drive on our foundation subjects - such as history, geography and RE - to ensure they are at the same high levels as English and maths. While doing this, we have also maintained our very strong PE offer, achieving Gold in the School Games Mark award. We have also continued our commitment to outdoor learning with forest school and OPAL play both integral aspects of our school life. Overall, our children are able to access a wide and comprehensive curriculum which enthuses them and will set them up extremely well for when they move on to secondary school.

We have also looked at different initiatives to support our children this year, one of which has been to support those who struggle with the early morning transition by inviting them into school a little earlier. This has helped settle them into the daily routine more easily. We have



also been involved in many projects, such as the Wells Cathedral singing for Years 4, 5 and 6 which have provided our children with new experiences and increased cultural capital. Indeed the amount of extra-curricular opportunities that have been organised by the staff has increased significantly and been commented on very positively by the Local Governing Body, as well as members of the Trust.

Looking ahead to next year we are very excited that the school is becoming a one-form entry, with seven classes. This has many benefits, including smaller class sizes in Key Stage 2 and more effective and streamlined curriculum planning. Children will stay with their year groups throughout the school and not have to be split, which currently can cause concern and upset for parents and children.

After saying fond farewells to Miss Miller, Mrs Sebright and Mr Wellington this week, we are looking forward to welcoming many new members to our staff team. There will be opportunities when we return for you all to meet them and we know they will be really welcomed into the Clutton School community. We will also be investing more money into the school site. Some of this will see renovation to existing areas, both internal and external, while we are also having new playground markings in the first few weeks back in school.

Communication has been an area we have both worked really hard to improve since we took over the leadership of the school, especially as it was seen as a weak aspect of the school previously. We started with our weekly newsletters, have facilitated easier channels of communication for parents to contact their child's teacher, made many improvements to the school website and we have recently launched our school on social media to promote the wonderful work and activities our children participate in.

To conclude, we would like to express our gratitude again for having the opportunity to work alongside you and your families this year. We both feel that Clutton Primary School provides a wonderful learning experience for all of our pupils and look forward to continuing this when we return in September.

Wishing all of you an enjoyable and restful summer break

  
**Mr Turull**

  
**Mrs Cowgill**

