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Dear Parents/Guardians

I apologise that this letter did not go out to you in July as usual. However, since it is the beginning of a new school year we are delighted to be able to welcome the new children and families to our school and hope that they are already benefitting from their education with us at Inkpen.

Miss Buck and the staff team have continued, over the last year, with re-vamping the minor areas of our curriculum that still needed work and we are confident that the curriculum is coherently planned and sequenced towards sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning and enjoyment. Teachers' subject knowledge is strong and they work hard to ensure that they have the skills and knowledge required to teach each subject.

Following our much-improved Ofsted report last September we have continued to build on the curriculum and assessment changes that we put in place and we are very pleased that the Year 6 SATS results showed that the impact of the changes that we have implemented is shown in the results.

As a school we continue to offer a huge range of opportunities from curling and archery to gardening and pottery and the children have represented the school in a number of events. These opportunities would not be possible without the staff giving up their free time which is much appreciated by the governors.

We are delighted that every child in the school is now able to access forest school. This allows our children to develop themselves through healthy engagement with risk, problem-solving and self-discovery all within a natural environment.

The children now have a school council in which every class is represented. I was honoured to be invited to attend a meeting last term and was impressed that discussions with classmates had clearly taken place prior to the meeting resulting in feedback from the council members and actions put in place as a result.

Work on the library and the new sensory room were completed last year and these are both making a significant difference to children and teaching in the school.





Following the deterioration of one of the module classrooms we are no longer able to utilise this area. We are lucky that we had space in the main school building and Pheasant classroom has been relocated there with no detrimental affect on the children's education or the running of the school.

We are fortunate to have good links between the school and the village community and I know that the PSA has been involved in planning and organising the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Inkpen village hall celebration which was celebrated over the weekend. There will be a fundraising quiz held next month and plans are afoot for further events next year. We hugely appreciate the school community getting involved with these events which all raise funds that directly benefit the children. We would like to thank the PSA for all their hard work in everything they do to support the school.

As a governing body, we are absolutely committed to supporting our staff and ensuring our children have a broad and rounded education. Our staff team work long hours and show commitment to each child in our school. We would like to thank the parent community in showing consideration and respect to the staff. The staff share an open dialogue with parents and make themselves available at very short notice. This is a feature of the school we are proud of and we would like to ensure that our friendly and welcoming school remains that way.

The school would not be the place it is without the support of you, the school community. We are lucky to have such supportive parents who help out in so many ways. I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our school and I wish everyone a healthy and productive Autumn term.

Yours sincerely  
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