



HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are at the end of another busy academic year which has seen Hill House Junior School, a thriving school; continue to achieve high academic standards along with many of the children participating in of a variety of extra-curricular activities. I would like to take this opportunity to summarise my personal highlights during Summer Term 2019 and thank all parents for their continued support.

Firstly, I would like to say how much I enjoyed Speech Day again. It was a pleasure to award so many prizes to the children, but the highlight of the day for me was the emotion shown on their faces and their parents' faces, when they realised they had won, surprise being the key element. My congratulations go to all prize winners, you deserve them and you should be proud of yourselves. We should also be very proud of all children who have achieved scholarships for entrance to the Senior School – well done.

We have had a large number of children from the Junior School who have performed at various concerts during the final term of the academic year. Barnum – The Greatest Showman was a wonderful performance and a joy to experience. It was my pleasure to see our children perform alongside the seniors and they all looked like they were enjoying it doing superbly well. The Caterpillar Crawl was lovely for Nursery and Reception, while Year 1 and 2 did us proud with Pantastic (Peter Pan). The children were quite remarkable, thank you to you all.

Sports Days were exciting as ever this year with some competitive and thrilling races. We saw some excellent action in the field and on the track. It ranged from the teddy bear and obstacle races for the younger children to some very closely contested sprints, relays and field events in Years 3 to 6. It was lovely to see children of this age competing on a proper tartan track. Children, well done for competing so well, with great passion for your house and showing such great sportsmanship. I am sorry we have not had a parents' race; health and safety has restricted this following injuries last year.

It has also given me particular pleasure to see such a variety of faces from Years 3 to 6 representing the school at cricket, rounders, swimming and athletics and I am very pleased that most children have had the experience of playing in a school strip and experiencing the etiquette which comes with that honour. Despite the rainy weather, the number of fixtures played has continued to be pleasing and the results achieved against local competition have been impressive to say the least.

All of the children at the school have worked hard this year and have continued, in most cases, to improve the standard of work expected by their teachers. This is evident as I read through every child's report before adding my own comment. It has been particularly pleasing to see how the children have handled the increased work load as they move through the year with increased independence. We look forward to continuing with the progress made in September 2019.

My personal thanks must go to Mr Holland and the Board of Governors for their support and guidance throughout the year. May I also thank Mrs Cusworth for the guidance she has given us as a school over the course of the academic year, it is much appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the teachers for their hard work and support this term and sincerely wish all teachers, parents and children a restful summer break.

We are on a journey at Hill House Junior School and continue along the road towards the final goal. As you are probably aware, the road is not always even but we are an outstanding school with wonderful children.

I look forward to next year when we will carry on with the good work.

Please all enjoy your break, have a lovely summer and enjoy precious time with your children.

Kind Regards

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