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Date: 21.7.21

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that I am writing the final letter of this academic year and what a year it has been!

It seems like only yesterday since I was opening the gate for my first day with you all at Dunsford and now we have reached this milestone. I can't thank you enough, on behalf of both myself and the whole team, for all of your support, compassion, encouragement and kind words this year. You welcomed both new and existing members of staff into your school family and you have supported us all to work to ensure that Dunsford is the best that it can be. I am so excited that you have been a part of the journey this year and I am looking forward to where next year will take us!

There have been many successes this year in what has been another turbulent year with COVID-19 and partial school closures. Together we have navigated our way through unprecedented times and we have come out of each experience stronger and with a continued sense of determination as a school community to ensure that we are always putting children first and providing the best possible experience that we can for all of our children.

We have experienced a number of highlights:

- Welcoming new staff to Dunsford
- Building trusting relationships as a school community
- Opening the school pool (so very exciting!)
- Haven Banks residential days
- Musical opportunities as we continue to work with Mrs Todd and Mr Blurton
- Welcoming our new school dogs Bella and Evie
- Forest School sessions with Mrs Twelvetrees and Adam
- PE with Mr Coupe
- Extra-curricular activities
- Working with staff across our trust family of schools
- Celebrating charity events and raising money to support our local community and the wider world
- Parents completing a bike ride dressed as vegetables
- Top 5 ranking nationally for Times Tables Rockstars
- Welcoming a paralympian to our school



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There are far too many opportunities and highlights to count and I know that you will all have your favourite memories from this year.

For me, my favorite part of this year has been the time that I have spent with you and the children. Everytime I speak with you and see the children smile I feel so very proud to lead our wonderful school and I know that I am very lucky indeed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful team here at Dunsford. Each and every member of staff plays such a crucial role in ensuring that your child has the best possible experience. As you know our vision is '**Together we learn, Together we grow, Together we bloom**' and I can truly say that all staff believe in every child's potential to 'bloom' and be the best that they can be. They constantly strive everyday to do the absolute best for all of the children and I am so proud to work alongside them.

This year we say goodbye to Mrs Hedger. I know that we will all miss her very much and I would like to thank her for everything that she has brought to Dunsford. We wish her so much success and happiness and we look forward to working with her within our trust family in the future.

We welcome Mrs Wood to our family in September and it has been heartwarming to see the huge warm welcome that so many of you have already given to her. The children have been brilliant and spent time getting to know her this week and I know that she will be a fabulous addition to the team next year.

We continue to welcome new members to our school family and it is brilliant to see how our school is growing. We could not achieve what we do without our parent partnership and your support so thank you for all that you do.

A huge thank you must also go to our PTFA this year who, despite working under extremely difficult circumstances, have achieved incredible things. Their inventive ideas and relentless drive continues to inspire and we know that we are truly blessed to have such a dynamic group of parents supporting our children. Thank you from all of us!

Thank you also for all of the cards and gifts that we have received over the last few weeks. It has been wonderful and we have all felt very appreciated!



Finally I would like to say goodbye to our Year 6 children and those parents who will not be returning to Dunsford next year as your time with us comes to an end. I have been both humbled and proud to see the level of resilience and maturity that the children have shown this year in the face of many difficult times and they are all such a credit to both you and Dunsford Community Academy. Seeing the qualities that the children are taking with them to secondary school next year, I feel confident in the future of our society and the world. Every single member of Year 6 demonstrates the most important value there is; kindness. I hope that they remain true to who they are because they are all simply incredible.

I wish you all the most wonderful summer holiday. If you have anything that you need to communicate during the holiday then please do email the school office dunsford@lapsw.org and you will receive a message with information to support you.

Mrs Sinton has updated the list of authorised pool users and communicated information to authorised pool users so please do ensure that you speak with them about any questions regarding the pool that you may have. The risk assessments and further information are also placed at the side of the pool in addition to the electronic copies that have been shared. Important phone numbers are also placed at the side of the pool for your reference. Enjoy this wonderful facility and please stay safe.

I look forward to seeing you all in September to continue our exciting journey together.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Mrs. Guntrip".

Mrs Guntrip

Head of Academy