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RE: End of Spring Term 2023

Good afternoon Bohunt Horsham Families

It has been another jam packed term; from the snow covered wonder of the new year to the amazing pride we all feel in our Matilda production, there has been a great deal to celebrate. As I write to you today, I am beyond relieved to be able to tell you that work on the drainage needed for our sports field is booked in for the Easter break. All being well – including the British springtime weather - we expect to be able to start using the space for PE lessons when we return in two weeks.

This morning, as we have done at the end of every term since opening in 2019, we all gathered as a school community to recognise particular achievements across the two half terms. The highlights we remembered included participation in sporting fixtures including the Bohunt Education Trust Cup, the amazing experiences of the ski and Florida trips during half term in February, the fundraising efforts of the Comic Relief events and the wonderful World Book Day celebrations. My thanks to students, staff and our supportive families for their work in making all of these things happen. Students' memories of school are so often formed in these opportunities that exist alongside the timetable. We all know how much work goes into making them happen, and your support of colleagues in school, whether through volunteering as part of these events, enabling your child to participate or simply sending an email of thanks and recognition is always noticed and appreciated.

Our Academic ERA awards last term recognised students' achievements in each curriculum group area under the category of 'being the best' this meant looking at students who had created the most beautiful or high achieving pieces of work, students who had scored highly on a particular piece of work or shown the greatest skill in a specific area. This term, we focused on the category of 'being better', recognising students for doing that thing which often proves so difficult for humans: making a change. Either improving in a key area of work, in their approach to the work or in the effort they put into their work in lessons. Next term we turn to the third area, 'being consistently brilliant', and we will recognise once again those sometimes unsung heroes who always do the right thing.

Staffing updates

We are very pleased to welcome back Ms Kenning, our SENDCo, who has been on maternity leave and returns after the holidays. Our thanks to Mrs Richardson-Ball who stepped in to take on Ms Kenning's post whilst she was away looking after her beautiful daughter and to Mrs Jones who has ably supported her. We are very lucky to have three qualified SENDCos on our staff now and Mrs Richardson-Ball will use her qualification and experience as both SENDCo and Achievement Coordinator in her new role as Inclusion

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Manager. Mrs Richardson-Ball will work closely with the pastoral support team to manage our RESET room, and support students to ensure they are able to make the right decisions and feel successful in school. Mr R Harris (Science) is still away on shared parental leave and Ms Kent is temporarily stepping in to replace him.

Mr Henderson and Mrs Bromley have left us this term and moved on to new challenges and will be replaced by Mr Mushati and Mr Leggo respectively in Computing and Art.

Despite the current recruitment and retention crisis facing schools across the country, we are excited to be almost fully staffed for September in terms of teaching roles and this term our focus turns to recruiting non-teaching roles.

In particular, should any of our wider family network be interested in some casual work over the summer term this year and beyond as exam invigilators, please do have a look [here](#) at the role on the TES site.

Road Safety

We have three current and ongoing concerns regarding the safety of students and we know that many of you share those concerns. We would like to garner the support of our families to take action in these areas:

1. The safety of students on foot and on bicycles to the south of Rusper Roundabout, in Lemmington Way and the nearby areas.
2. The issues around small but worrying numbers of students using the crossing on the Rusper Roundabout instead of using the bridge.
3. The lack of signage to indicate a school near the approach to the school.

We have already met with local councillors, local district planners and the developers to raise these issues and have not seen any change and would like to put additional pressure on these groups through parental voice and support. If you're interested in being part of an action group to force change in these areas and are free to attend a meeting in school about this at 5pm on 4 May 2023 please email headteacherspa@bohunthorsham.com to confirm. In addition to the above, our supportive Parent Reference Group has also discussed offering support with car park management in September as we induct another year group of families into our school.

Finally, I wish you all a positive and restful break, I hope spring reaches us all and look forward to starting the new term refreshed and energised.

Yours faithfully,



Ms G Ayling
Headteacher

Important dates for

17 April Start of summer term

20 May Year 9 and 10 Drama theatre trip to see Blood Brothers

1 May Bank Holiday, schools closed to students

5 May Coronation Celebration held at school in the evening: families and community members welcome

8 May Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III, schools closed to students on this date

10 May Year 7 Parent/Carer Consultation 2 - 8pm

11 May Bohunt Horsham Reflection Day - school closed to students

16 May year 9 and 10 Geography field trip

29 May - 2 June half term