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Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of the summer term and academic year, it has been a very busy term at Mill Rythe Junior School.

As you will be aware the 2019 SAT results were shared in the newsletter last week. The governors were delighted with the results and on their behalf I would like to thank our Year 6 children, Mr Bessant and the school team for the effort and hard work from all on this excellent achievement. I would also like to thank our Year 6 parents and carers in supporting the children and our school; the governors appreciate and value the contribution this makes towards this superb set of results.

From a governor perspective the academic results as the children progress through the school are important, however other aspects of school life such as keeping the children safe, the learning environment, behaviour, and wellbeing for all are equally important. Our vision and plan recognises that each and every child has something special about them in addition to their academic ability and that they are given the chance to discover new interests and pursue excellence in other areas such as art, music, sport and the school farm.

Over the last term there have been lots of amazing opportunities for our pupils across all year groups which have included an art exhibition at St Marys Church, trips to the Mayflower theatre to see Matilda, Seacourt, Hillier Gardens, Winchester Science Centre, Portsmouth Music Festival and most recently Spanish sandwich making and Year 6 Enterprise Day. We were fortunate to have fantastic weather for both sports days, it was great to see so many families enjoying the day with the children and Mr Darby's now legendary compering of the action on and off the track!

These opportunities, along with the school farm and the wide range of after school clubs are linked to the children's wider development and enrichment of their learning. I would like to thank Mr Bessant and the school staff team that have and continue to work so hard in providing this impressive range of experiences for our pupils.

During this year, school staff have also been reviewing the curriculum and considering how it may be developed further to enhance the children's knowledge and understanding of what they are learning. Further details of this will follow in future newsletters and it will be exciting to see how this work develops over the next academic year and beyond.

I want to thank our very active PTA for all the events they plan, organise and run, and you too for your financial support to help raise additional money this year. The school has used this extra funding to support learning which has had a real impact on pupil progress and wellbeing. I would also like to thank you for the time you give up to come to school events throughout the year where the children showcase their talents and work, it is great to see them so well attended.

My final thank you is to all the volunteers who give up their time to support in various ways around school, whether that is with a club, helping a child with reading or being a school governor, it makes a difference and is very much appreciated.

On behalf of the governing body, I wish our Year 6 leavers every success as they leave school for the next part of their learning journey and hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer break.

With best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Charlton".

Lisa Charlton  
Chair of Governors

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