

## **New Scotland Hill Primary School and Nursery**

Enjoying living and learning together

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Dear Staff, Parents, and Pupils,

Writing on behalf of the Governing Body, I find myself reflecting on the successes of the past academic year and feeling a deep sense of gratitude for your collective efforts and commitment.

To our teachers and support staff - your relentless dedication to creating a stimulating environment for our learners is truly commendable. Your creative approach, resilience, and unwavering commitment have been instrumental in upholding the high standards of our school.

Our parents - your brilliant support and engagement have significantly contributed to the success of our school. The achievements we celebrate are not only a result of the staff's hard work, but also the relationships we have fostered with you. Your active involvement, trust, and encouragement have been invaluable in ensuring the welfare and progress of our students.

Our students – you are the heart of New Scotland Hill. Attending numerous events and engaging in walking tours throughout the year, I have seen first-hand your exemplary behaviour, passion for learning, and kindness towards each other. Your efforts have truly made our school a joyful place to be.

The recent Ofsted inspection and subsequent report was a joy to read. An independent acknowledgement of the amazing learning environment we offer to our children. From academic advancements to opportunities to represent the school, from emotional growth to building strong relationships.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Wilson, who depart from us this year after giving an incredible combined service of over 60 years. Your immense contributions to our school and countless students, both past and present, will not be forgotten. We wish you the very best in your forthcoming endeavours.

My gratitude also to the Governing Body for their support and efforts throughout the year. With a diverse mix of parents, staff, and other community members, the governing body plays a vital role in shaping our school's strategic decisions. We will hold elections for our parent governor positions in September. Parent governors provide invaluable perspectives, skills, and experiences that greatly contribute to our school. Could this be a role for you?

Post-pandemic, our attendance has shown a positive trend. However, it bears repeating that consistent attendance is crucial to achieving desirable outcomes for our children. Every day of learning is vital, and we appreciate your continued support in sending your children to school daily, be it in the Nursery or beyond.

A special acknowledgment to our PTA. You are a critical part of our school community, and your efforts echo in our reputation. I am delighted by the energy sustained by this dedicated group, and I invite all parents, grandparents, and carers to actively participate in supporting the PTA. Your involvement could make a world of difference raising funds to help us go above and beyond where basic funding can take us.

As we bid farewell to our Year 6 students, we extend our thanks for your valuable contributions to New Scotland Hill. We wish you the best of luck in your future learning journeys.

Finally . . . . enjoy the well-earned summer break, we look forward to welcoming you back for another year of joy and success at New Scotland Hill this coming September.

On Behalf of the Governors at New Scotland Hill School.

Darren Abbott
Chair of Governors

