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Dear Parents,

Wow, what a year it has been at The Priors School!

It is great to reflect on another super school year filled with amazing experiences, great data and outcomes, and personal achievements of our incredible children. Every day I am reminded how lucky I am to lead our school!

From laser tag to climbing walls, disc golf to skateboarding; our children have had some truly unforgettable experiences this year. And let's not forget the personal achievements - whether it's horse riding, football, golf, swimming, dance, gymnastics, or performing arts, we love hearing about all the wonderful things your children are doing outside of school. We also cannot forget Key Stage 2 children – they really shone in their performances of Rock Bottom last week. I am still smiling when I think about – they really did make Rock Bottom Rock!

I want to take a moment to thank our dedicated school staff for their hard work and commitment to our children. Without them, none of this would be possible. You really do make our school a special place for the children to come to every day. You only need to speak to the children to understand how much they appreciate everything the staff team do.

I would like to thank our amazing PTA for their tireless efforts in supporting our school and organising fantastic events throughout the year – although I still haven't forgiven them for my soaking yesterday! The funds they have raised have supported us to provide specialist music lessons for your children and paid for an author visit and a dance workshop for World Book Day. Without your commitment, we would not be able to do what we do and we thank you so much!

Today we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. You were the first Nursery cohort when I joined the school, and I have to say it has been a pleasure to watch them grow and develop into the amazing young people that they have become. It is sad but also very exciting that they leaving us to embark on new adventures, and we are cheering them on as they continue to shine and succeed in all that they do. We are also saying goodbye to Talitha, Cecily, Ivy, Harper, Buddy and Blossom. We know you will shine wherever you go and we will all miss you at The Priors School!

I would also like to thank Hugo and Kerry for being brilliant Head Students this year. They have helped me lead my "crazy Friday assemblies" and have done so with a great job! They have had so much fun and took great pride in helping the school in many ways. It is also with great pride that I



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announce this coming year's head students – Johni and Evie. I am really looking forward to working with them both next year.

Looking forward, we have another great year planned next year. We have our new reading programme, which we are very excited about; we have our Owls' residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes; we are hopefully having solar panels installed; we are planning a number of different sporting opportunities and cultural opportunities for your children; we will go to the Mini London Marathon again; we have exciting new topics to learn about.

Everyone at The Priors School would like to thank you for your kind and generous gifts. We never expect anything and it is very much appreciated.

We hope you have a lovely summer holiday (hopefully with some sunshine) and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ricky Emms', written in a cursive style.

Ricky Emms  
Head teacher