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Dear Parents, Staff, and Pupils

As we approach the end of another wonderful academic year at Hartford Primary School, I want to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate our achievements. This year has been full of important milestones, special moments, and a strong sense of community that makes our school truly special.

Firstly, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). Your tireless efforts in organizing and executing numerous events have been remarkable. You have not only raised essential funds for our school but also brought together our pupils, parents, and staff to create a great sense of school community. The PTA's commitment to our school's well-being has ensured we have the necessary resources and equipment to provide the best possible education for our children. Funding from our PTA has contributed to many new resources over the last 12 months including last year's new pens, the playground artwork as well as supporting numerous enrichment opportunities for all the children including a whole KS1 visit to the Liverpool Philharmonic and the KS2 Theatre trip.

The Christmas and Summer events, in particular, were fantastic. These events brought joy and excitement to our pupils, creating lasting memories for all who attended. The meticulous planning, creativity, and dedication involved in making these events successful did not go unnoticed. On behalf of the entire governing board, I extend a huge thank you to the PTA. Your hard work is deeply appreciated, and we eagerly look forward to the activities you have planned for the upcoming year.

This year has also been significant for Hartford Primary School as we joined the Create Learning Trust in December. School leadership and governors have spent the last six months getting to know the Trust and building relationships that will help us continue to provide great outcomes and quality education for all our pupils. We are very much looking forward to starting the new academic year as part of the Trust and seeing how we can grow and share alongside the brilliant partner schools within the Trust.

We also want to take this opportunity to wish good luck to all of our outgoing Year 6 pupils who are leaving us to start the next stage of their school careers. You have worked incredibly hard over the last year, both academically and as an important part of the school community. I can personally attest to the brilliant job you have done being reading buddies to our early years children and would also like to thank you for the many prospective pupil show rounds you have hosted. We wish you every success in the future and know you are going to go on and achieve everything you want.

Additionally, we have several members of staff leaving us to embark on the next stage of their journey. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Miller (6VM), Mrs Wishart-Terry (2NB), Miss Marsh (EYMM), Mrs Gatiss (3MG and Spanish Lead), Mrs Richardson (Early Years), Mrs Hoile, Mrs Hughes, Mrs McCabe, Mrs Kirwin and Miss Voce for their hard work and dedication to our pupils this year. Your commitment and care have made a lasting impact, and we wish you every success in the future.

A letter from any governor in Hartford can never be written without acknowledging the school's outstanding sporting achievements. It feels as though every Friday newsletter has shared some great successes this year. We would like to say

a big thank you to Mr. Cairns, whose passion and dedication to helping our children enjoy sports and be the very best they can be is truly commendable. Our sporting offer is a unique element that we should be very proud of.

Finally, I want to take the opportunity to thank our school support staff. I know that many of you will have been thanking your child's class teacher and assistants this week, they do an incredible job and we are lucky to have them. I therefore want to take the opportunity to thank the school support staff, who are often the first to arrive and the last to leave at the end of the day (which, I can tell you, on occasions of a late-running governors' meeting, can often be rather late). Our support staff keep the wheels turning, making sure that our children are fed, well looked after, the building is clean and safe, and ensuring that teaching and learning can always be the focus. Thank you for your hard work.

Before I do conclude I don't want to miss the opportunity for a little plug for the Local Academy Board next year – we will be looking for one or two more parents to join us as governors, more to come on this in September but if you do want to consider it and want more information please let the school office know and I'll get in touch.

As we conclude this academic year, let us celebrate these achievements and look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Our strong sense of community, bolstered by the PTA's incredible efforts and our new partnership with the Create Learning Trust, will continue to drive us forward and ensure that Hartford Primary School remains a place where every child can thrive.

Thank you once again for your support, dedication, and involvement in making this year so successful. Together, we have built a vibrant and supportive school community, and I am confident that next year will be even more remarkable.

That leaves nothing more to say than to wish all of our staff, pupils and families a brilliant summer.

Warm regards

Katherine Ottewell
Chair of Local Academy Board Governors