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Dear Parents and Carers

I must thank you for the support you have given to both the school and your child, in making sure that we have returned to school in September ready to engage, learn and be safe. It has been an absolute joy to see all of the children back, especially in assembly when the efforts in making sure every child has a full school uniform were clear for all to see, thank you. Our uniform, is as ever, listed on the school website and this includes the new expectations for PE. We have designed everything to be as cost effective as possible and to prevent the 'loss' or damage to the more expensive leisure items all children seem to have these days.

Accompanying my letter is our Ofsted final report. Parents may recall that before the summer we had a visit from 3 inspectors over a two-day period (one of which was the hottest day on record!). We are really proud of the report and I hope you as parents are as well, as your impact and the impact of the children are key parts of the decision the inspectors made. As much as I love the report, the kind words the inspectors said in their more detailed verbal feedback were even more telling. They agreed that Netherfield is indeed a reading school, they mentioned that no rock was left unturned in our support of young people and they said the parent response both on parent view and in the playground was one of the highest and most positive they had experienced anywhere. Great work from all concerned and I must acknowledge the work of our staff in all of this, thank you all.

I would also like to publicly celebrate our KS2 Year 6 SATs results. Whilst we have end of year results for all year groups – all of which are very important to monitor progress, it is Year 6 results that become 'public knowledge' and is often what is placed in league tables and on DfE websites and such.

In a year when nationally results have declined, we have seriously tipped them the other way with our Year 6 children gaining the highest results the school has EVER recorded!! Our 76% for the combined three (Reading, Writing, Maths) is 17% above National Average – yes, 17% higher!! Our writing score was 11% higher than National Average, our Maths result was 12% higher than National Average and our reading result was 15% higher than National Average at 89%! Equally, **all children** made really positive progress and that is even more important than those percentages. To cap it off, the combined result is 30% higher than it was in 2019! Well done all of our children in Year 6 who have now moved onto secondary and well done to the adults who worked with them and the parents who supported them.

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AND..... we didn't sit still over the summer, we have expanded the size of the outdoor play area for Reception children and installed a new sensory garden near the library (was the lodge). If you get a chance I am sure your child will show you round it, as it is for all children in the school and we are really quite pleased with it.

In short and to finish, I am bursting with pride in what we have achieved, together, and at the heart of our community. Long may it continue.

Best regards



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