



## Farewell Mr Baker

It's quite normal at the end of an academic year for teachers to move on— although it is the best job in the world (in my opinion) it is a job like any other; people's lives and circumstances change, so to stay in one place for even 10 years or more is unusual.

Mr Baker has taught at HCJS for an incredible 24 years and 2 terms! And during that time has made an enormous contribution, not only to the school itself but to the lives of countless children who have been in his care. Thank you Ken—You will be much missed; All of us at HCJS wish you a long and happy retirement

The fight for your staff room chair starts now!

## And to.....

Miss Ellaway, Mrs Malein, Miss Tandy, Mrs Karmali and Mrs Moore. Thank you all for all that you have done for our pupils and our school. Good luck for the future, wherever that takes you.

## Goodbye and Good luck Year 6

Thank you to all Y6 parents and carers who were here for the Year 6 leavers assembly last Friday—It was emotional!

Our 2017 leavers will always have a special place in my heart, as they were my very first HCJS year 6. They have set a very high bar for future year groups to follow.

Enthusiastic, hardworking and fun. They will be much missed by the whole school community ; having said that they are definitely ready for the next stage of their adventure!

## Congratulations to Chiltern

Well done to Chiltern on their sports day victory. It was a closely fought contest, with all houses having notable wins and successes. What was most pleasing from my point of view was the sportsmanship and attitude on display. The support and encouragement by the pupils for one another was terrific to see. Thank you to all of you parents and families that came along and added your support to the afternoon. Our PTA have kindly agreed to fund a new PA system - so hopefully next year you will actually be able to hear me!



## And to.....Maddie Ashby (5B)

Who won a Gold medal in Acrobatic gymnastics at the recent Turin Acro cup in Italy. Yes that's right a gold medal in an international level competition! Maddie won in the women's pairs (Youth Category). Brilliant work Maddie - we're all very proud of you!

I am always delighted to hear about HCJS pupils achieving success outside school; please feel free to write and let me know about it—whatever the discipline. We regularly celebrate such achievements in assembly but in certain special circumstances (such as winning an international gold medal) we should celebrate more widely via this newsletter too.

## Have a great summer.

I have had a fantastic first year at HCJS and as I come towards the end of that year I have cause to pause and reflect on the successes and challenges I have met so far at this fantastic school. I have been blessed with a great deal of support and goodwill from all members of the school community - pupils, staff, governors and parents. The job of a headteacher is a multi-faceted one, and although immensely rewarding it can be also be very challenging!

That challenge is always more easily met with good support. I thank you all for making me so welcome this year, particularly those of you who have got in touch in recent days to offer kind words and encouragement.

As we reach the end of another academic year, all that that remains is for me to wish you a happy and safe summer break. See you all in September! As a dad to two boys myself, I know I'll be more than ready to come back to work for 'a rest' in six weeks time!

## A message from the co-chairs of the governing board.

Dear Parents,

This is the end of Mr Leach's first year at HCJS and it is also the end of our first year as chairs of the governing body. A good school never stays still and there have been changes this year in our quest to continually make improvements whilst making sure that we always keep hold of the essence of our school. Personally, we have never seen a bottle green house before! As you all know school budgets are continually being squeezed but we are confident that working together we can provide our children with a first class education and lots of fun.

Together with the rest of the governing board we would like to thank Mr Leach for a successful first year. We would also like to thank him and all the staff for their tireless work and you, our parents and carers, for your support of our school.

We wish you all a lovely summer.

Jess Clarke and Jane Atkin

## Upcoming events

**Week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017**  
Haddenham Playscheme

**Monday 4th September 2017**  
Inset Day

**Tuesday 5th September 2017**  
Inset Day

**Wednesday 6th September 2017**  
Return to school for new term

**Tuesday 12th September 2017**  
Secondary Transfer Preparation test

**Thursday 14th September 2017**  
Secondary Transfer test

**19th September 2017**  
PTA AGM

**22nd September**  
Jeans for Genes Day

**2nd–4th October 2017**  
Year 5 Residential Trip to Caythorpe Court

**Monday 9th October**  
Young Shakespeare Company visit

And finally.....

This is the final time that we will finish a term at 1.30pm. The governors and I have taken the decision to finish at the normal time of 3.25pm from next academic year. This decision has been taken based on feedback I have received this year—I'm sure it will be welcomed by the vast majority of you who I know find it difficult to balance work and childcare in circumstances such as this.