

Headteacher Message

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, it is hard to believe just how quickly the months have flown by. Looking back, there is so much to celebrate. From the wonderful progress the children have made in their learning every day in the classroom, to the many trips, experiences and opportunities that have enriched their year, it has been a joy to see our children smile, excel and work together. We have also shared so many memorable moments together as a school community. Events such as Learn With Your Child sessions, class assemblies, the Colour Run, the Talent Show, Family Fun Day and, of course, the incredible production of Matilda have brought us together and showcased everything that makes Ide Hill such a special place. These moments remind us that a school is about so much more than education alone. It is about community, belonging and creating memories that last a lifetime.

I am incredibly grateful for every member of our school family. Our children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, kindness and determination. Our dedicated staff go above and beyond every day to provide the very best opportunities and experiences and our parents and wider family members offer unwavering support throughout the year. Together, you make Ide Hill the very special school that it is.

A special mention must go to our wonderful Year 6 class as they prepare to leave us. They are truly a unique group of



children who have formed such a strong bond and brought so much character, laughter and positivity to our school. They will be hugely missed by everyone but we know they are more than ready for the exciting next chapter ahead and we have no doubt they will go on to achieve incredible things. We look forward to hearing all about their future successes. Their parents and families have also been an incredible support over the years and we thank them for the positive contribution they have made to school life - they will certainly be missed too!

Finally, thank you to all of the parents, families and classes who have taken the time to send kind messages, cards and gifts at the end of the year. The thoughtful words, personal notes and heartfelt emails

are always greatly appreciated and truly mean a great deal to all of us.

I wish you all a wonderful, restful and well-deserved summer holidays. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead. Many of you have kindly wished me good luck and whilst I am very grateful, I will still be back with you in September for the start of the new term and, all being well, will then begin my maternity leave after the October half term.

Thank you once again for your support and enjoy a fantastic summer with your families.

Message from Anne Fletcher – Chair of Governors

After a very successful year the school finds itself about to break up for the summer.

Two recent events I feel have summed up our values of love, respect and responsibility together with resilience, flexibility and inspiration in evidence from the whole school community. One was the change from the planned sports day to the fun day, which was a huge success as it brought the whole community together. The other, which also brought the whole community together, was the recent brilliant production of Matilda. So many great performances and each child was encouraged to take part. Staff and children worked incredibly hard and it was a triumph.

During the year, the staff have helped your children to achieve their full potential academically, in sports, in music or, for the older pupils gaining huge confidence by taking on responsibilities and going on residential trips and so, so much more. All this can only happen because of the dedication and care of our staff team. I wish the Year 6s every best wish for their next step in their educational journey and I hope that they happily settle into their new schools.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lizzie Alexander, Jeanine Johnson and the whole staff team for everything they do for your children and would like to wish them, the pupils and, of course you, a very happy summer.

Anne Fletcher

PE – Term 1

As we look ahead to the new school year, we wanted to let you know that Mr Taylor will not be returning to Ide Hill Primary School in September.

We would like to share that, from September, we will be welcoming a specialist rugby coach from



Sevenoaks Rugby Club to work with our children as part of our PE curriculum.

Please see below Term 1 PE days:

- Mondays: Reception and Year 1
- Tuesdays: Years 2,3, 4 and 5
- Wednesday: Year 2 Forest School
- Thursday: Reception, Years 3 and 5
- Friday: Years 1, 4 and 6

We are looking forward to an exciting year of PE and sport and will share further details about our wider sporting opportunities as the new term begins.

Year 6 Fundraising Success

A huge thank you to our amazing Year 6 pupils for their incredible fundraising efforts throughout the year. Through their ice lolly sales, Sports Day refreshments and Enterprise activities, they have raised a fantastic **£1,250.35** for the school. This wonderful total will be used to purchase new sports kit for our children, leaving a lasting legacy for future pupils to enjoy.

A special thank you also goes to our Year 6 parents for organising and supporting these events. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated, volunteered and supported our Year 6 fundraisers. Your generosity has made a real difference.

Matilda the Musical

What an incredible performance **Matilda the Musical** was! We are so proud of every child, who performed with confidence, enthusiasm and talent. A huge thank you also goes to our wonderful staff for the many hours of hard work behind the scenes to make the production such a success.

If you enjoyed watching the recording, please consider making a voluntary donation via **SchoolGateway**. Productions like this are expensive to stage, and every donation, however small, helps us continue to provide these amazing opportunities for our children.

Have a fabulous Summer!

The school office is now closed for the summer holidays and will reopen on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**.

Please note that office emails will **not** be monitored during the holiday period. If your enquiry is urgent, please email headteacher@ide-hill.kent.sch.uk. This inbox will be checked periodically, so responses may take longer than usual.



We look forward to seeing you all on 2nd September!

