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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another unique and ever evolving term for us in terms of opportunities to shine and get our school out there! The term kicked off with some great workshops from experiencing life as a Roman to exploring the power of volcanoes. The excitement around these were echoed by the impressive projects seen by many parents at the Home Learning exhibitions. Our able mathematicians in Year 1 and 2 loved the challenge of the more Able Maths Workshop; watch out for our more able KS2 writers workshop in the Autumn term. Aspirations Day was bigger and better this year and the children were very lucky to have such a range of careers to find out about. Our staffing looked very different on that day but your children did a sterling job at running the school!

We could not have predicted the press excitement around our very own author Master Tom Burlinson, and the interest in our beautiful library in inspiring reading across the school. National news teams descended on the school to celebrate his success and it was a great opportunity to showcase our school.

We enjoyed the sixth annual Shine Awards to present to our worthy winners on an evening of entertainment, ambition, drive, courage and warmth. It is always lovely to have a chance to celebrate all that is great about our school community.

Following on from our success in the spring term, we have continued to shine in all sporting events. Our footballers continued to improve in every match they played and finished their final game winning against Stamford Green. Year 5 Tennis team came second in a recent tournament held at the Ebbisham Centre. The Tri golfers came third and in Rounders, we reached the semi-finals, unfortunately, due to the event over running, we were unable to play our final match.

Our sports day at the Harriers Centre saw children not only competing in short distant races, but also challenging themselves to participate in long distance races too. The feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive with some helpful and constructive ways to improve next year too, thank you.

The greatest highlight for the school and a moment to go down in history is finishing **First** in the KS2 District Sports, both the Field Event and the Track Event. The event which runs over two days, was attended by a group of children from Years 3-6 each shining in their chosen event; many children came home with medals.

Mrs Hayes would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, parents and staff for supporting us in all of these events and helping to transport children to the various locations.

This year it has been our aim to improve access and inclusion to our extra-curricular provision and recognise this as an affordable and inclusive means of supporting the holistic development and achievement of all of our children. We extended our extra-curricular provision and put a greater focus on improving the attendance of children in before, lunchtime and after school clubs. This year there have been an average of 21 before and after school clubs on offer to children from Reception to Year 6 and this provision has been accessed by around 50% of our pupils each term. Our new lunchtime provision currently includes 16 lunchtime clubs each term and every child is able to benefit from attending a range of these clubs during their lunch break. Over half of our children choose to attend



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these clubs regularly each term.

We are really proud of our extra-curricular club offer and are very grateful to all of our staff who give up their time to enable such a wide range of clubs throughout the school day.

The change in lunchtimes this year has been a huge success. We have continued to make several further improvements over the year and adapt our provision to ensure the children are receiving the best lunchtime possible. Behaviour at lunchtimes has improved throughout the year and this is evident in the overall reduction of detentions the children have received.

For the summer term we have introduced some new clubs, including quiet activities in the playground, a change in seating in the hall, one year group a day on the backfield (weather permitting), where the children can enjoy football, table tennis and other sporting activities plus an area for colouring and card games. Another change has been to the lunch menu for Years 5 and 6, who are now offered a 'Panini option' three times a week as well as a cooked meal option. The children are reporting that lunchtimes are enjoyable and that they feel listened to by staff. Staff are reporting that lunchtimes are much calmer and they are enjoying spending time with the children.

This term we have enjoyed performances from the Choir and Concert Band at the Summer Fair and through our school assemblies. We also had the pleasure of hearing our piano and violinist pupils perform at our recitals in the last week of term too. Years 6 blew us away with their performance of Treasure Island, which included many strong solo parts. Next year we look forward to growing two choirs for children in Y1-Y3 and Y4-Y6.

This academic year we have had numerous workshops, day trips and residential trips throughout the school. In Year 3 we had a sleepover at school to encourage the children to join in the residential trips in years that will follow until they leave EPS. Year 4 visited High Ashurst where all the children enjoyed outdoor activities, which included a night walk, and in Year 5 had an amazing overnight stay at the Natural History Museum learning about Dinosaurs and other extinct creatures. Finally, Year 6 enjoyed Sayers Croft and Fun Week to end their primary school career.

A huge thank you to our amazing 'Friends and Family of Epsom Primary and Nursery School'. You have worked so hard to raise a tremendous amount of money for the Creative Arts Lodge; current total this year is £17,276, which includes an amazing £4508 profit made at the Summer Fair. It made such a difference having you provide refreshments at our Sports Day this year, with the added bonus of bacon buns and burgers. I know how hard this was to organise and on behalf of the school staff and parents, thank you very much. We are looking forward to 2019/2020 being another fantastic year of fund raising.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new pupils in September. We have full Reception classes with a waiting list of 12. First Steps is full and Nursery have a couple of spaces for sessions at the end of the week. We have very few spaces throughout the school, we have had a small number of children leave during this academic year, but their place has been filled with children from our waiting list.

Our Ofsted Inspection Report remains with Ofsted, unfortunately, they did not manage to get the report turned around quickly enough to share it with you before the end of term. Ofsted's policy is not to circulate reports to schools during school holidays, so we look forward to sharing it with you in September, as soon as we receive it. Thanks go out again to all of our pupils, staff, governors and families for your support during the two day inspection.

On behalf of all of the staff, we would like to formally thank you for your engagement and support throughout the year and we wish you all a lovely summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Kind regards and very warm wishes,

**Mrs E Smith**  
Executive Headteacher

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Head of School